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CHALK IT UP

JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

ALBANY SCHOOL held its ninth annual Chalk It Up Festival, Saturday, Oct. 9. Molly Choen, 8, works on her design during the benefit at the Santa Fe Avenue school. Participants donated \$10 to "buy" a cement square and chalk pastels with which to create their works of art. The school's annual events benefits its fine arts program.

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School district backs \$13 million bond

In 1993, Albany voters approved a \$31.6 million school bond measure that helped pay for new middle and high schools and for renovations at Cornell Elementary School.

Today, district officials want to finish what they started.

On Nov. 2, they're looking for approval of Measure A, a \$13 million bond measure that would go toward renovating Santa Fe and Ocean View elementary schools, MacGregor High School, Cougar Field and possibly Ocean View Field.

It's estimated that homeowners will pay \$161 per \$100,000 of assessed property values for the 1993 bond measure in the 2005 fiscal year.

The cost will decrease over

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ALBANY SCHOOL TAX

■ **WHAT IT WOULD DO:** Authorize \$13 million in bonds to modernize Marin and Ocean View Elementary schools, MacGregor High School, Cougar Field and possibly Ocean View Field. It would cost residents between \$25 and \$51 per \$100,000 of their assessed property value. That would be in addition to an assessment for a 1993 school bond measure.

■ **VOTES TO PASS:** 55 percent.

■ **SUPPORTERS:** Albany School Board president David Farrell, Albany Teachers Association president Diana Lamson, Mayor Jon Ely and other individuals.

■ **OPPONENTS:** No organized opposition

Measure G seeks to even playing field of 2000 tax

Residents approved Measure N in 2000, taxing themselves to provide paramedics on every fire department shift.

But there was one overlooked problem: The tax was levied on small commercial and industrial properties at the same rate as larger ones. Golden Gate Fields was taxed at the same rate as the Flowerland Nursery on Solano Avenue.

Measure G would fix that, increasing the amount owners of large industrial and commercial properties pay under Measure N and generating an additional \$18,500 a year for the fire department.

Currently commercial properties are taxed the equivalent of two residential units. Industrial properties are taxed the equivalent

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ALBANY CITY TAX

■ **WHAT IT WOULD DO:** Would increase the amount owners of large industrial and commercial properties pay for a tax that provides a minimum of four paramedics per fire department shift. It revises the city's 2000's Measure N to tax commercial and industrial properties at \$18 per 1,200 square feet. Under Measure N, those properties are taxed at the same rate, regardless of their size. The revision would raise an additional \$18,500 a year.

■ **VOTES TO PASS:** two-thirds

■ **SUPPORTERS:** The Albany City Council; the Albany Fire Department

■ **OPPONENTS:** No organized opposition

3 seek seats on school board

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

The three candidates running for two open seats on the Albany School Board stress including more families in the board's decision-making process.

Candidate David Glasser takes it a step further, however, accusing the district of violating open meeting laws and intimidating parents, both acts involving the district's special education program.

Last December, the district received a "positive certification," freeing itself from financial oversight by a county fiscal advisor, which was required after its general fund reserves fell below the state-mandated minimum of 3 percent in 2001.

Today the district has \$2.2 million in reserves, or more than 7.5 percent of its general fund, and has been cautious about overspending.

Incumbent Charles Blanchard, who was appointed to the board in April, said some positions were consolidated due to budget cuts and that "in the long run, it's probably not a sustainable way to run the district."

Candidate Nadine Ghamache says she wants to study the budget and hear from others before deciding where the district's "extra money" should be spent.

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Tax has strong financial backing

■ A group seeking voters' approval for Measure K raises \$15,978, making it the biggest money-raiser

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

Some of the candidates running for the El Cerrito and Albany city councils and the Albany School Board have raised thousands of dollars for their campaigns in the weeks leading to the Nov. 2 election.

But the biggest money-raiser has been Save El Cerrito Services, Committee for Measure K, which as of Sept. 30 raised \$15,978 to convince voters to approve the city's utility users tax, according to campaign finance documents filed with the city.

A number of contributions to the pro-Measure K committee came from city employees and labor unions, the largest of which is \$5,000 from the El Cerrito Professional Firefighters Association and \$2,500 from the El Cerrito Police Officers Association.

Several firefighters and police officers, the city's police and fire chiefs and city manager each gave \$500 to the campaign. Several other city employees, including the city clerk, the finance director, the employee services manager, recreation director and city engineer gave between \$100 and \$250 each.

"They work for the commu-

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4-year-old attacked by raccoon

By Eric Kurhi

STAFF WRITER

A north Berkeley family was recently awakened by a brazen bedmate — a raccoon that had crept through an unlocked cat door and got into a scrap with a slumbering toddler.

"I heard my son screaming," said Margaret Cadogan. "The raccoon was on top of him, and I grabbed it and threw it onto the floor."

But the startled animal had already left a mark on 4-year-old Emmet — a bite on his forehead that would need a total of 16 shots as a preventative measure against rabies.

The encounter wasn't something that happens often.

"It's a rare occurrence," said Kate O'Connor, director of Berkeley Animal Services. She said that while raccoons often come in contact with their domestic neighbors, it's not often that such encounters lead to an aggressive

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Candidates divided over waterfront development

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

Recent developments outside Albany's purview have cast a shadow over the city's money waterfront and this year's unusually competitive City Council election.

Magna Entertainment Corp., owner of the Golden Gate Race Track, has said it wants to build a 600,000- to 800,000-

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square-foot project on the west and northwest sides of the track. In addition, state Proposition 68, if approved by voters Nov. 2, could allow up to 3,800 slot machines at Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

Meanwhile, environmental groups under the umbrella of the Citizens for the Eastshore State Park look at property now occupied by Golden Gate Fields as the missing land link for its 8.5-acre namesake park.

The City Council slate reflects the high interest in these issues. Six candidates are vying for three

open seats. Unlike the 2002 election, in which the three candidates endorsed each other, some divisions have emerged.

Robert Lieber, a registered nurse, and Brian Parker, a software marketing manager and former city planner, say it's of the utmost importance to protect the waterfront from large-scale development.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Tree memorial for John Sanchez

The life of John Sanchez will be celebrated by Boy Scout families and his friends at a tree-planting ceremony on Monday, Oct. 16 at Albany Memorial Park near the corner of Carmel and Portland streets.

Participants will gather at 6 p.m. for the sunset ceremony around the giant Sequoia redwood. A bronze plaque will honor Sanchez, who was a mentor and inspiration to his many friends. Sanchez, an Albany High School graduate, died in May at age 22 after a three-year battle with leukemia.

Contributions to cover the cost of the tree, plaque and materials (\$700) also are appreciated and may be sent to: Alan Riffer, 631 Jackson St., Albany, CA 94706. Checks should be made out to: BSA, Albany Troop 14. Surplus donations will be donated to the Alta Bates Hospital oncology unit in Berkeley, where Sanchez was cared for during the final stage of his illness.

Self-defense workshop scheduled

Soroptimist International of Albany and Tri-Valley Haven are sponsoring a special self-defense workshop for women and girls Saturday, Oct. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m. (registration beginning at 12:30) at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Ages 13 and older are welcome. Send checks by Monday, Oct. 18, to SI of Albany, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley, CA 94707. Admission is \$25 for adults, \$15 for seniors and children ages 13-18.

Call Soroptimists of Albany to reserve your place 510-233-0612. Proceeds to benefit local organizations and deserving individuals through awards programs.

Garage sale will be held at Albany YMCA

The Albany YMCA Giant Annual Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, near the corner of Solano and San Pablo avenues at 921 Kains Ave.

The sale will offer clothing, household and office items, toys and more. Proceeds will help support the Y's youth and adult financial assistance programs. For details call 510-525-1130.

Residents invite to help clean up park

Residents are invited to help clean up Terrace Park and bring a dish for a potluck lunch on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants should bring their own tools and gloves; all ages are welcome. For details call Barbie Gary at 510-559-7222.

El Cerrito

Democratic Club to hold annual dinner

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will hold its annual dinner meeting on Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 and the program at 8:00. Guest speakers will be: State Sen. Tom Torlakson; Assembly Member Loni Hancock; County Supervisor John Gioia; and George Harris III, Chair, Democratic Party of Contra Costa County; also Grace Schmidt will speak on behalf of Rep. Ellen Tauscher. For information on tickets, menu, call 510-527-2194. (Some parking is available in the Kensington Library parking lot.)

Forum to focus on state ballot initiatives

The League of Women Voters — West Contra Costa, is joining with the American Association of University Women in sponsoring a forum on the pros and cons of the California Ballot Initiatives to be held from 10 to 12, on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Masonic Hall, 6922 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito. For information, call 510-232-3767.

Canyon Trail Art Studio open house set

The Canyon Trail Art Studio will hold an open house Sunday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The studio is located at 6757 Gatto Ave. The activities and projects that are made in the studio will be on display and residents will have a craft to take home. For more information, call Lila at 510-559-7009.

Block party set for council candidate

The committee to elect the other Bill Jones for City Council will hold a block party and fund-raiser on the 700 block of Albermarle Street on Sunday, Oct. 17 from noon to 3 p.m. Residents are invited to meet Jones, hear his platform and share ideas and concerns about the city. The event will include entertainment, hot dogs and soda. For more information, call 510-525-7527.

90 households to partake in garage sale

With more than 90 households participating, the 15th annual city-wide garage sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Maps and participant lists can be found after 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15 at the El Cerrito Recycling Center, 7501 Schmidt Lane and the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moers Lane. A participant list will also be available online at www.el-cerrito.org. For more information, call 510-215-4350.

Chamber board neutral on Measure K

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce will remain neutral on Measure K, the city's utility users tax, despite a request to oppose it by the group El Cerritos for Tax Justice. "While board members feel the UUT hits businesses harder than homeowners, they feel it would be presumptuous of them to take a stand on this issue without polling the membership," said board president Bill Kerber, in a press release.

Kensington

Community Council to hold parade

The Kensington Community Council annual parade and open house is Sunday, Oct. 17 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The parade will begin at Arlington and Amherst avenues and wind its way to the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., where there will be barbecue lunches and activities. Police Chief Barry Garfield will be the grand marshal. There will also be a book sale on the parking lot of the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. For more information, call 510-526-4141.

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Festival Antiqua starts music program this week

Festival Antiqua begins this week with the program "Sacred Stone and Weathered Tree" on the theme of the intersection of European folk music with medieval and Renaissance music.

The first concert is Sunday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall or St. Alban's Church, 1501 Washington St. (between Neilson and Curtis, one block north of Solano).

The concert will span thousands of miles and many centuries, featuring music from Ar-

menia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Greece, Russia, Scandinavia, medieval Portugal and France, and more.

Performers include Lily Storm, formerly with the singing group Kitka, Shira Kammen (vielle, harp, voice) and Tim Rayborn (Eud, saz, lauta, kobza, kantele, voice, percussion).

Admission is \$15 general, \$12 students, seniors. For more information call 510-486-2803 or 510-524-7952.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, Oct. 4

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — A resident on the 1200 block of Brighton Avenue reported that her Arapahoe K2 bike was stolen outside her apartment.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 7 p.m. officers contacted a 52-year-old Albany man near San Pablo and Solano avenues who was staggering on the sidewalk and bumping into people. He was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and released.

■ **GARAGE BREAK-IN** — Between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. thieves broke into a garage on the 700 block of Taft Street.

■ **HONDA STOLEN, MARIJUANA FOUND** — A resident on the 700 block of Solano Avenue reported that early in the morning someone stole his white 1991 Honda Civic. Later he reported finding a bag containing a marijuana like substance in the driveway. The package was booked into property in the Albany Police Department for destruction.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m. officers stopped a white 1991 BMW near

Marin and San Pablo avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 36-year-old Sacramento man, was arrested for DUI and possession of a weapon, cited and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ **SATURN FOUND** — At about 1:30 p.m. officers located a black Saturn at 555 Pierce St. that had been reported as stolen out of Piedmont. They arrested a 41-year-old Albany man for possession of a stolen car, cited him and transported him to Santa Rita Jail.

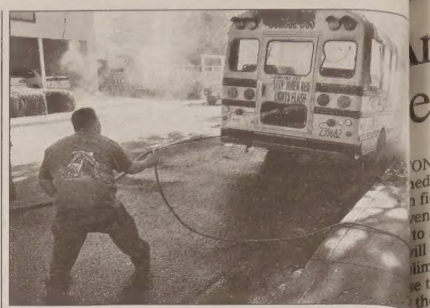
Wednesday, Oct. 6

■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANT** — At about 2 a.m. officers responded to the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a subject walking around a rear lot near parked vehicles. They arrested the 39-year-old Oakland man for an outstanding Oakland warrant for failure to appear. He was cited and released.

■ **MAILBOX VANDALISM** — During the night vandals broke the lock on a mailbox of an apartment building on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue.

■ **SPRAY PAINT** — Vandals spray painted the front wall of a residence on the 600 block of Jackson Street.

■ **HOME BREAK-IN** — Sometime



None hurt in bus fire

CHRIS DREYER, a civilian, helps firefighters by training at a burning school bus Monday on El Cerrito's Yosemite Ave. There were no children aboard the bus and no injuries reported.

Thursday, Oct. 7

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 10 a.m. officers contacted two people near Pierce and Johnson streets for a minor violation and a check found them to have numerous burglary tools and drug paraphernalia. They arrested the 18-year-old Berkeley man for possession of stolen property and possession burglary tools. He was cited and released. The 17-year-old Berkeley male was arrested for possession of stolen property and possession of a controlled substance. He was cited and released to his guardian.

■ **CHEVY BLAZER STOLEN** — At about 11 a.m. an Oakland man reported that within the previous two hours thieves stole his gray 1991 Chevrolet Blazer with it was parked at 555 Pierce St.

■ **RESIDENTIAL BREAK-IN** — Someone broke into a residence on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue and stole items from inside.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 6:30 p.m. officers cited a 40-year-old San Francisco woman for

disorderly conduct during a

tion sting at a massage parlor

900 block of San Pablo Ave.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — Someone

broke into a green 1999 Dodge

van parked on the 900 block

Street.

■ **CADILLAC LOCATED** — All

located a brown 1988 Cadillac

on the 600 block of Cleveland

avenue that was reported as

of El Cerrito on Oct. 7. They

have anyone in custody and

owner was notified.

■ **DUI** — Officers stopped a

Toyota near Marin Avenue and

Spruce Street for a vehicle

violation. The driver, a 49-year

old woman was arrested and

cited and released.

Saturday, Oct. 7

■ **BURGLAR ALARM** — Albany

a.m. officers responded to an

alarm at a business on the

600 block of Spokane Avenue.

A man

been seen fleeing on foot. He

last seen going north on San

Avenue and was gone when

arrived. El Cerrito police were

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Friday, Oct. 1

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 BMW was stolen from a parking lot at Knott and San Pablo avenues sometime between 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 1 and 6:26 p.m. the next day.

Saturday, Oct. 2

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Two bottles of cider and the registration and insurance cards were taken from a vehicle on the 5900 block of Alta Punta Avenue between 10 p.m. on Oct. 2 and 7 a.m. the next day.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1997 two-door Honda Civic was taken from the 1400 block of Elm Street sometime between 8 p.m. on Oct. 5 and 7 a.m. the next day.

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A 1989 Toyota Camry, reported stolen to Richmond police, was recovered on Knott at San Pablo avenues at 2:50 a.m.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A tan van with its keys inside was stolen from the

10500 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime around 5:40 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — Property worth \$125 was stolen from a vehicle on the 2600 block of Tamalpais Avenue at 4:47 a.m.

■ **ATTEMPTED BREAK-IN** — A person or persons broke a window on the west side of the Kragen Auto Parts business at 12:50 a.m., but fled when the alarm sounded. Police did not immediately know if anything was taken.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of possessing a stolen truck at Levison Avenue at Baira Drive at 12:55 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 7

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A 1993 Honda Accord, reported stolen to Pinole police, was recovered at Eastshore Boulevard and Potrero Avenue at 2:40 a.m.

— Alan Lopez

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 8 Albany School News column, the location for the Oct. 12 Albany Board of Education meeting was incorrect. The board meets at Cornell Elementary School.

ARCHWAY SCHOOL

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Police sting results in arrest at massage parlor

ALBANY — Police arrested a 40-year-old woman on suspicion of soliciting for prostitution at a San Pablo Avenue massage parlor that's been the subject of complaints since last December.

Police conducted the sting and arrested the woman on Thursday, Oct. 7 in the early evening hours with the help of an undercover team from the Oakland Police Department, said Albany Police Lt. Mike McQuiston.

Police Lt. Dan Adams said residents have been complaining about the business, located on

the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue, since last December searched the business in finding one employee working under a license and seizing condoms, Adams said.

"We're doing investigations based on complaints we received," he said.

The woman arrested was released on a bond and is scheduled to appear in November on the misdemeanor charge of soliciting prostitution.

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A Times editor will pose a question to the panel each week via e-mail. We will publish several of the responses, accompanied by a photo. Questions will range from international topics to items of local interest.

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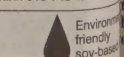
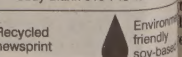
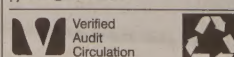
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American-Muslims begin holy month

TONIGHT, 11-YEAR-OLD Hamed Sheikh will be out in an open field with his eyes to the heavens, hoping to be the first to spot the new moon. And with all the other 250,000 Muslims in the Bay Area, he'll be part of the new moon sighting, the start of the holy month of Ramadan.

"He's been tracking the moon every night for the last few weeks," says Hamed's father, Ali Sheikh, an engineer who serves on the board of directors of the Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California, based in Oakland. "He's really excited to take part."

Tomorrow morning, the family will rise at dawn to say a special prayer to God for allowing them to observe Ramadan and end it with blessings. Then they'll have breakfast, trying to finish before sunrise because during Ramadan fasting during the daytime. The next time they'll eat will be at dawn.

Except Hamed. His older brother, Hosna, a freshman at El Cerrito High School, is allowed to fast. But at Hamed's age, he's still too young, and he's a huge disappointment for him. "Maybe we'll let him skip lunch one day during Ramadan, but only once," says Ali. "He won't like it, but we'll let him. Your time will come."

It's not just about fasting; it's a metaphor. Ramadan is about giving up lying, cheating, backbiting — things that should be giving up anything that is not good. Ramadan is also a time to reflect on the Quran, give to the poor and visit family, especially estranged relatives. "If you have a cousin you haven't spoken to in months, this is the perfect time to make amends," says Ali.

Above all, Ramadan is a time for taking spiritual stock, asking yourself whether you're doing God's will in your life. It's a time for humility and openness to others' opinions. There's a famous story about the Prophet entering a city and seeing two people, a prayer group and a group of people who are not praying, smiling and said, "Both of you are doing great deeds. I was sent to be a prophet and increase knowledge, and he joined the prayer group."

Ramadan will last until the new moon, 30 days from now. Then, once again, Hamed



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

and his family will be out in an open field, scanning the heavens.

The next morning they'll put on their finest clothes and go to the mosque to pray. In the mosque, there are no distinctions of wealth or rank. Hamed could find himself praying next to a homeless man or a millionaire.

Then they'll visit their friends, give gifts to the children, and cap the day — and the month — with a huge feast.

By the way, you might have noticed that Ramadan doesn't occur at the same time each year — at least, not according to our calendar. That's because it's based on the lunar calendar, which is two weeks shorter. As a result, it "drifts" through the seasons.

You might also have noticed that I didn't tell you which city Hamed lives in. That's at his parents' request, because there's a lot of nastiness out there.

I got a glimpse of what they must go through every day when I told some friends I was thinking of writing a column about Ramadan.

Their reaction was uniformly negative, which shows the gulf of mistrust that exists today.

All I can say is that Muslim-Americans are just that: Muslim-Americans. They are our neighbors. They are a sizable chunk of what collectively constitutes "us."

What Ali Sheikh is doing this Ramadan is no different from what my Jewish friends did during the High Holy Days or what my Catholic friends did during Lent. He's asking himself whether he's being the best possible person he can be.

It's such a human question to ask. And such a noble one. So here's wishing my Muslim readers a happy Ramadan. And "assalam alykum" to you all. That's Arabic for "peace be upon you."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

Neighbors

FACES & PLACES



THIS PHOTO is from the "Of Many Colors" exhibit to be displayed this month and next at Prospect Sierra School in El Cerrito. The photos were taken by Gigi Kaeser.

Prospect Sierra School will present a photo exhibit, "Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families," from Oct. 19-Nov. 12 at the school's two campuses in El Cerrito.

With photos and excerpts from interviews, the exhibit explores the experience of multiracial families, seeing them as modern-day pioneers. Photographs from this exhibit have been highlighted in the Boston Globe Magazine and the Teaching Tolerance Magazine and has won a Multicultural Recognition Award.

All members of the public are invited to these free receptions: Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 7-8:30 p.m., Avis campus, 960 Avis Drive; Wednesday Nov. 10, from 7-8:30 p.m., Tapscott campus, 2060 Tapscott Ave.

The exhibit will be on display Oct. 19-29 at the Avis campus and Nov. 3-12 at the Tapscott location.

For more information call 510-528-5800.

Albany High School PTA's annual membership drive is drawing to a close, with one-third of the high school's families joining and contributing more than \$15,000, PTA officials report. There is still time to join — contributions are accepted in the AHS office or can be mailed to AHS, PTA Membership, 603 Key Route, Albany, CA 94706.

Albany Middle School PTA's membership drive also is nearly done, with about half the school's families on board and having contributed more than \$12,000. A directory of Albany Middle School families will be ready by the end of October. PTA membership contributions can be dropped off at the office, or mailed to AMS, PTA Membership, 1259 Brighton Ave., Albany, CA 94706. Or contact Teresa Barnett at 510-526-6748.

El Cerrito artist Amy Gitelman has won an honorable mention for pastels at the Los Gatos Art Fest in California. The inaugural juried plein air painting event was held from Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 and was judged by master pastelist Bob Gerbracht.

— Compiled by Deborah Byrd



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CALL FOR EAST BAY VOICES

The Contra Costa Times wants to hear East Bay Voices.

The Times will be launching a new feature in its Sunday Perspective

called East Bay Voices, in which a panel of readers will comment on an issue in the news.

A Times editor will pose a question to the panel each week via e-mail, and we will publish several of the responses, accompanied by a photo. These questions will range from international topics to items of

local and regional interest.

If you would like to lend your voice to East Bay Voices, e-mail the Times at ebvoices@cctimes.com. An editor will contact you with more information and to set up a time to come in to our offices to be photographed. You must be 18 to participate.

OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

COME TOGETHER would be ideal for these two Pomeranian dogs, who are 3 years old and house-trained.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: Male terrier mix, 2 years; female hound mix, 6 months; male terrier mix, 2 years; male dachshund mix, 6 months; male Labrador retriever/mastiff mix, 1 year; female Australian shepherd mix, 1 year; male long-haired Chihuahua, 2 years; female border collie mix, 1 year.

Cats: Female black and white, 3 years; 3 years, 11 months (3 cats); male black and white, 3 years; 1-2 years, 1 year (three cats); male black, 8 years; female tortoiseshell, 5 years; female dachshund mix, 4 years, 5 years (two cats); female torbie (tortoiseshell-tabby), 3 years; female tabby, 3 years (two cats); male tabby, 3 years; female black tabby, 14 years; male black tabby, 1 year; male gray, 5 years; female calico, 3 years;

many kittens.

Adoption fee: cats \$100; dogs \$125 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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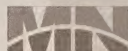
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— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

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Wild animals remind
us who was here first

THEY WERE HERE first. That's the conclusion many of us come to when we hear of an adverse encounter between human and wild animal.

In the not-so-distant past, that conclusion might have come on the heels of relatively benign encounters: the theft of not-yet-ripe persimmons by a cheeky squirrel, the raiding of pet food left outdoors by lumbering opossums.

Yes, the wild animals were here first. That may be fact, but how does it help us cope when encounters get scary?

The suburbs are home to a surprising number of large wild animals — surprising, that is, if you just moved in from the city.

Most long-time residents of our hills neighborhoods are no longer surprised to see a big-eared doe trotting down their street, or the humped shapes of raccoons trundling along their back fence.

Most of the time it's just a glimpse of the animal, enough for a good dinner-time anecdote for the human.

Sometimes, though, things take a threatening turn when we find the raccoon has come in the cat door and is now searching our house for food, or when a fox eyes our cat assiduously from the open space beyond the fence.

It's easy, then, to feel ourselves reverting to more primitive modes. In more rural areas where it's not unusual to see coyotes or mountain lions, the spectrum of human reactions goes on full display, all the way from they-were-here-first to well-we're-here-now-and-they-have-to-go, and everything in between.

But still, for most of us, our first reaction is not to advocate trapping, shooting or poisoning. And yet, we also have come to realize that it's not a Disney world out there where big-eyed lambs and cuddly lions all play together and presumably both can survive on plant proteins.

They were here first, we say. And in a political, social and economic atmosphere where we're always being told how wrong we are, how far we've slipped and how far we have yet to go, it's encouraging that we do seem to have evolved in our attitudes toward wild animals.

So we learn to keep our pet doors closed at night. We keep our small dogs and pet cats indoors. We hike those remote regional park trails keeping our small children close because we acknowledge this is the lion's home, not a neighborhood playground.

Our state flag itself enshrines the image a wild animal, now extinct, the California grizzly bear. The last ones were seen, one killed, in the 1920s. If any had survived to present times, we wonder what sort of encounters we'd be hearing about now and how we'd adapt.

Wild animals who are clever enough, resourceful enough, resilient enough to survive among us, usually just barely out of sight, don't have to be useful to humans. But there's an interesting lesson in their survival: They remind us that there's more to the world than we humans and our needs, wants and artifacts.

And the most hopeful thread in the story of humans and wild animals is the one that indicates our species may be learning to live with them without having to be predator or victim.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Measure K is unnecessary

If voters don't approve Measure K "El Cerrito's police and fire departments are threatened with extinction," claims Harry Saridis (letters, Sept. 24).

How easy it is to stampede the gullible! It would be nice if our city had some extra money to spend to take care of infrastructure needs. But City Manager Hanin first made sure he got his 20 percent raise prior to declaring a fiscal emergency.

Our town's legal costs have tripled. Good managers and attorneys are worth their weight in gold only if they can control the City Council.

The proposed Plaza BART garage proves City Hall doesn't have a clue about what goes where and why. Bad traffic circulation would worsen, negating \$1.8 million spent on Fairmount Avenue beautification.

Say, \$1 million toward the movie theater seems OK. But it's silly to commit over \$4 million, threatening funding a promised new library. At Del Norte, millions of dollars went toward questionable projects, without sparking the promised "renaissance." No plans to deal with the worsening traffic mess, just useless, expensive new design guidelines.

The city's tax take has outstripped inflation by several million dollars and we have a hefty reserve. Our exemplary fire, police and senior services can continue unabated, no needed employees need fear for their job. But we must tame City Hall first, determine what's needed, and work toward a new tax, next year, earmarked for the many neglected city needs.

Join me in voting "no" on Measure K, and not ask for a refund.

Peter Loubal

El Cerrito

Loubal is the treasurer of El Cerritos for Tax Justice.

Voting for Brian Parker

I have had the great pleasure of working with Albany City Council candidate Brian Parker in recent efforts to keep development in the San Pablo Avenue neighborhood to a scale appropriate to our community.

I have found him to be bright, upbeat, articulate, thoughtful and hard working. He is a person of strong, pro-environmental convictions but he is no ideologue; he listens, thinks and learns. He understands the need to balance environmental protection with a reasonable approach to growth.

Albany faces some crucial decisions in the next few years that will determine whether we remain a small, livable community with wonderful open spaces on the hill and shoreline, or an over-developed Emeryville clone with out-of-scale sprayed Styrofoam boxes on San Pablo Avenue, grid-locked traffic and Las Vegas on the Bayfront.

There are clearly those in the community and in our city government who would sacrifice Albany's small town ambience to commercial and gambling interests in order to enhance city revenues.

We need strong, smart, independent leaders such as Parker on the City Council, who will defend Albany from ill-considered development and from those forces that would destroy the village in order to save it.

Please join me in voting for Brian Parker for City Council.

Bart Grossman

Albany

Perka deserves praise

It was with frustration that I read comments made by outgoing development di-

rector Jill Keimach regarding Trader Joe's. I would like to offer a different truth if I may.

When Kathie Perka was a City Council member, she and I had numerous conversations about the fanciful "what ifs" for the city, both at the Plaza and at the abandoned former Albertsons on San Pablo Avenue, now a Marshalls.

We had a conversation about how wonderful it would be if a Trader Joe's opened here or in the vicinity. My wife and I had long been pained at the thought of braving Emeryville to shop at perhaps one of the most wonderful retail gems of the area.

Kathie talked openly with me about her ideas for a postcard campaign. I assisted her by walking the streets of my neighborhood handing out cards to friends and neighbors, known and unknown. And I remember the glee my wife and I felt at Kathie's success and gratification for her tireless work and personal financing of this effort.

I'm not writing to address the controversial projects, such as the outrageously overpriced bicycle lockers at the Plaza BART, for which Keimach was often pilloried. I am writing only to not let the extraordinary efforts of this fine resident, Kathie Perka, be deliberately written out.

George McRae

El Cerrito

Follow Albany's lead

I was heartened by Albany City Council candidate Richard Cross' letter (Sept. 24), "Limit campaign spending," and by his signing of the Albany Campaign Reform Act, limiting campaign spending to \$6,000.

Like Cross, I believe a campaign should be centered on the community ties that bind us, not on massive donation collection.

When my husband, Reyel, decided to run for the El Cerrito City Council this year, he was told he would need upwards of \$10,000 to \$15,000 to compete. We knew going in that we would, by necessity and principle, be keeping our spending below \$1,000.

It is encouraging to see that others, like Cross, are choosing this policy and becoming more dedicated to their community as a result. In a local, nonpartisan race, candidates should focus more on going out and speaking with people rather than reaching them with piles of literature.

I would urge El Cerrito to follow Albany's lead and adopt campaign spending limits as well.

Michaela Daystar

El Cerrito

Disturbing disregard

As an Albany resident, I cannot conceive that the Albany School Board and superintendent, entrusted with the minds and well-being of the city's students, are determined to erect a cell phone tower atop Albany High School.

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Having attended two meetings on this matter, without formal notification to neighbors — and when many residents concerned were still away on vacation — I can attest to the most desperate opposition to this scheme from all present in both instances. This, in the face of the profuse advocacy and reassurance by an interested party, an AT&T and a technical supporting advisor.

We all must ask: "Why do we need a cell phone antenna in this small community. And on top of its high school worst?"

The fact remains that there is a list of documented and possible adverse effects on health and quality of life attached to the proximity of these towers, proximity that includes most, if not all, of Albany.

This disregard for the opinions of the health of the families of Albany is disturbing and it may well hide the genuine future legal problems for the city and school system.

The behavior of the school board with two notable exceptions — we seem clouded in circumvention. And the deviousness is, in all appearance, based on a beads-and-trinkets promise of a party \$2,166 a month to the school. A monstrous bargain!

Marc A. Zar

Albany

A beautiful vision

This is regarding, "Different shores emerge."

Measure C isn't a complication: It empowers Albany residents to decide if we'll develop the waterfront.

The Sierra Club, Citizens for an Estuary State Park and Albany's Waterfront Committee have worked for years to help and acquire more open space at the waterfront.

Parking space issues are solvable: a multi-level parking facility at the freeway or underground park within the development.

Financing open space requires negotiations with various entities, including Magna, philanthropic organizations, government agencies and land conservation groups.

Using "Crissy Field" as an example, the "enormous amount of money" needed to develop open space at the Albany shoreline is a scare tactic.

Crissy Field, with its beautiful promenade, has become a wonderful resource: Sunbathers, windsurfers, picknickers, cycle riders, dog walkers and those who just enjoy the wonderful views use the park. There are nature preservation easels for indigenous plants and birds.

Albany's waterfront can easily become such a park.

Crissy Field was part of a military base and an Army airfield for decades, cleaning the type of industrial pollution that is very expensive to clean up. The Albany site may have a little horse dung we use as fertilizer.

The Sierra Club and CESP are all forefront in restoring creeks, not destroying them.

Open spaces, particularly along the Bay, are among the most valuable resources in our crowded urban area. Multi-story hotels and commercial developments next to our beach are not thinkable. I hope Albany residents reject such an undesirable development.

We endorse Brian Parker for City Council because of his commitment to open space at Albany's waterfront.

Klaus B.

Maureen M.

Albany

Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to pmiddings@cctimes.com or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Children

■ **El Cerrito Recreation Department** presents "Peekaboo Music" classes for children up to 18 months, with parent/caregiver on Saturdays 9-9:45 a.m. through Oct. 30 at Castro Clubhouse, 1420 Norwell St. Share the joy of music with your little one. Cost: \$24 - \$30. Walk-ins welcome if space permits. To register, call Judie at 510-559-7000. Details: call Christine at 415-271-3260.

■ **Los Amigos de La Pena**, the popular Saturday morning La Pena Children's Program, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Jennifer Lavigne presents **Princess Moxie** in "Dragons Never Laugh", a lively and fun puppet show that encourages audience participation on Oct. 16. —Berkeley dancer and storyteller Patricia Bullit presents a not-to-be-missed show for the whole family on Oct. 23. —Betsy Rose presents a rich musical storytelling from a seasoned artist, mother and longtime voice for peace and social justice on Oct. 30. —Shows start at 10:30 a.m.; admission: \$4 adults, \$3 children. Details: call 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ **Lawrence Hall of Science** at University of California, Berkeley — presents Magic School Bus: Fun with Ms. Frizzle from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 16 at Centennial Drive above UC campus and below Grizzly Peak Blvd. The annual LHS Halloween Party features entertainer and magician Magic Mike from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 30. Magic Mike will demonstrate his tricks and perform his magic show twice, at 7 and 8 p.m. Tickets: \$8 - \$12. Details: call 510-642-5132 or go to www.lawrencehall-science.org.

■ **Halloween Fright Night** is from 5 - 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St. Haunted house, Halloween parade, costume & scream contests, and goodie bags are all waiting for youth four to twelve years old. Cost for haunted house is \$3. Details: call Ginsi at 510-981-6670.

■ Registration has started for the **Winter Twillite Basketball League** at Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St. Program is an educational sports program for youth between 11-18 years old. Youth attend a one-hour workshop preceding each game on issues such as tobacco and drug prevention, academic improvement, conflict resolution and more. League is divided up into three age groups, be-

gins on Jan. 7 and continues through March 19, 2005. Cost is \$263 per team or \$23 per individual player. Priority is given to West and South Berkeley residents. Details: call 510 981-6670.

■ **Boy Scout meetings** — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by the Lion's Club. Details: Brian Hubbard, 510-231-0403.

Community

■ **BARK**, the East Bay chapter of the **American Civil Liberties Union**, presents Pacifica's Amy Goodman, acclaimed journalist and host of "Democracy Now", who will discuss her new book *The Exceptions to the Rules* at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 at First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way. Doors open at 6 p.m. Also speaking are Assemblywoman Loni Hancock, Northern California ACLU Associate Director Bob Kearney, and BARK Vice Chair Bob McClary-Raich. Free, with donations welcome. Details: call 510-464-1330 or email rsaclu@earthlink.net.

■ **Cuba Series at Berkeley Public Library**, 2090 Kittredge St. — Wayne Wallace Quintet will play in a free concert of Afro-Cuban music at 8 p.m. on Oct. 15 at Central Library Reading Room. —Berkeley-based photographer Thea Bellos speaks about her ongoing photo exhibit "Cuba Viva!" at 2 p.m. on Oct. 16 in the Community Room. —A Sister City Update will be presented by delegates from Berkeley/Palma Soriano, Cuba exchange project at 6 p.m. on Oct. 18 in the Community Room. Details: call 510-981-6100 or go to www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org.

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■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** presents the following adoption opportunities: cats available for adoption at 12 - 3 p.m. on Oct. 16, 30 at Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave.; dogs available for adoption at 12 - 3 p.m. on Oct. 30 at Pet Food Express, 1101 University Ave. Details: call 510-267-1915 or go to www.hopalong.org.

■ **Albany High School Football Program** is hosting an AHS Football alumni day on Oct. 16 at Cougar Field, Brighton Ave., El Cerrito. If you played football for Albany High between 1937 to 2003 (or know someone who did) please join the group for BBQ at noon and the game kick-off at 1:30 p.m. Details: 510-525-2716.

■ **El Cerrito Green Party** presents its first annual **Pesto Fest** from 1 - 3 p.m. on Oct. 17 at Cerrito Vista Park, on Mooser St. (upper picnic area). Featured are two speakers for local City Council: Gayle McLaughlin and Reyel

Daystar, as well as live music. Free. Meal tickets must be purchased in advance. Details/Information: go to www.elcerritogreens.org.

■ **The Jazzschool** hosts the 2nd annual **Spice of Life Festival** from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Oct. 17 in North Berkeley's "Gourmet Ghetto": several blocks of Shattuck Ave. between Virginia and Vine Sts., and on Vine St. from Shattuck Ave. to Walnut St. Event features several notable jazz, samba, blues musicians and more performing throughout the day on the main stage. For details, visit festival website at www.northshattuck.org. Jazzschool is located at 2087 Addison St. Details: go to www.jazzschool.com or call 510-845-5373.

■ **American Golf Program for Senior Centers** (AGPSC) is offering free instructional lesson, videos, hands-on putting contests and refreshments to seniors: at 1 - 3 p.m. on Nov. 4 at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave.; — at 9 - 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 at the Open House Senior Center-El Cerrito, 650 Stockton Ave.; — at 1:15 - 3:15 p.m. on Oct. 18 and Nov. 15 at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave.; — at 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 and Nov. 17 at the Emeryville Senior Center, 4321 Salem St. Details: call 510-528-1576.

■ **The month-long Berkeley Arts Festival** is at the Berkeley Arts Festival Gallery, 2324 Shattuck Ave. Celebrate the opening of an exhibition of woodcuts by Berkeley High School students, a performance by Bryant Kong and Elender Wall of "The Songs of Donald Rumsfeld" on Oct. 19. For concert details and entire event listing go to www.berkeleyartsfestival.com.

■ **Local organic farmers** and prepared food vendors, plus the **Berkeley Farmers' Market** present the annual **Fruit Tastings** at 2 - 7 p.m. on Oct. 19, and at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Oct. 23 at Derby St. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Here is an opportunity to sample Fall fruit varieties: apples, Asian pears, European pears, Fuyu persimmons, etc. Also featuring educational events, live music, and cooking demonstrations by Annie Somerville and Lucy Aghadjian. —Free. Pumpkin carving, costume making booths, and a Caribbean music performance by Asheba is from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Oct. 30. —Tuesday Farmer's Market will make its annual change to winter hours of 2 - 6 p.m. on Nov. 2. —Ashby BART station, buses on MLK and Shattuck are nearby/street parking/wheelchair access. Details: call 510-548-3333 or go to www.ecology-center.org.

■ **Berkeley Gray Panthers'** Wednesday Night Gathering is at 7 p.m. on Oct. 20. On program is "Know Thy Enemy: a Teach-In on Leo Strauss", Machiavellian philosopher behind White House neo-conservative movement. Light supper served. —Betty Brown, Peace and Political Activist will speak on *The California State Propositions: A Progressive Approach* at the Panthers' General Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 27. Meetings are held at 1403 Addison St. Details: call 510-548-9696.

■ **Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes**, a leading educational instruction and research organization, is hosting an Open House at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 20 at the Berkeley Learning Center, 1950 Addison St. Suite 109. There will be a short presentation about sensory-cognitive issues surrounding language and literacy development, including dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, autism and more. Staff will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served. Details and reservations: call 510-649-7618.

■ **Single Professionals** of all ages are invited to a **Speed Meet & Greet Singles Party** at 7 - 9:30 p.m. on Oct. 21 at Spenger's Restaurant, 1919 Fourth St. Cost: \$25. Dressy casual attire is recommended. Details: go to TheParty-Hotline.com or call 415-507-9962.

■ **East Bay School for Girls** invites parents, grandparents, and community members to attend two information meetings this fall: 7 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 9 a.m. on Nov. 17 at Saint John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Benefits of an all-girls learning environment will be discussed. Admission applications are due by Dec. 17, with tuition assistance available. Financial aid applications due Jan. 7, 2005. —EBSG's Fall Raffle/Auction is from 2 - 4 p.m. on Oct. 24. Raffle tickets are \$2.50 each or \$25 for a book of 12. Grand Prize is a Mediterranean weekend for two in the East Bay. Over 300 raffle prizes, and over 25 silent auction prizes. Details: call 510-849-9444 or go to www.ebsg.org.

■ **Scorpius International** of Albany and Tri-Valley Haven bring a special **Self-Defense Workshop** to women and girls throughout the community from 1 - 4 p.m. on Oct. 23 at Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Self-Defense and Prevention Coordinator Melissa Sale will share important safety and self defense techniques. Adult, teens and seniors are highly encouraged to attend. Please call SI of Albany at 510-233-0612 for reservations or questions. A tax-deductible donation of



THE MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP will perform at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall at 8 p.m. on Oct. 22, 23, 28-30 p.m. on Oct. 24. Dance programs include Mosaic and Un-Henry Cowell's string quartets, Bartok, Schumann and more. Tickets: 30 - \$56. Details: call 510-642-9988.

\$25 for adults and \$15 for seniors and children ages 13-18 will be collected at door during registration.

■ **Harvest Festival at the Gill Tract** is at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the SW corner of Marin and San Pablo Avenues, in Albany. Enjoy food, music, games, speakers, demonstrations. Tour one of the last urban farmlands and research areas. Free. Kids especially welcome. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by Urban Roots. Details: go to www.gilltract.com, call 510-235-5519 or email gilltract@yahoo.com.

■ **El Cerrito Democratic Club** holds its annual dinner meeting on Oct. 23 at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and program is at 8 p.m. Guest speakers will be: State Senator Tom Torlakson; Assembly Member Loni Hancock; County Supervisor John Gioia; and George Harris III, Chair, Democratic Party of Contra Costa County; also Grace Schmidt will speak on behalf of Rep. Ellen Tauscher. Details: call 510-527-2194. Some parking will be available in the Kensington Library parking lot.

■ **University of California Botanical Garden** at Berkeley presents its **Dia de los Muertos** celebration from 12:30 - 2 p.m. on Oct. 23 at 200 Centennial Drive. Explore traditional foods of Mexico's Dia de los Muertos celebration, learn how to make tamales, hear the history of the Mayan and Aztec uses of chocolate, and taste hot chocolate as made by the Aztecs. Hear children's stories about the holiday, and make pa-

per marigolds and papel picado to take home. Fee: \$23, \$18 for \$10 children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required. Fees include Garden Registrar early, class space. Details: 510-643-2755 or go to www.botanicgarden.org.

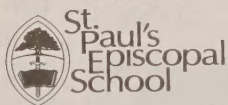
■ **The Turnabout Shop**, 1014 Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito, celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. Staffed and managed by Gary Berkeley Clinic Auxiliary, Gary Berkeley Roberta Ghermer will be at their monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Oct. 27 at the Northbrae Community Center, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. The daughter of Berkeley Clinic founders Robert and Louise Hektor. All staff time from the Turnabout Shop is for proceeds support health care for local communities. Thrift shop Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteering needed to staff shop, and donations of clothing and household items are welcome. Details: call 510-525-2525.

■ **Day of the Dead "Dia de los Muertos"** Full Moon Procession begins at 6:30 - 9 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Solano Avenue at The Alameda. A troupe of Aztec dancers, lit procession then walks to the altar on Solano Avenue where an altar will be made featuring remembered loved ones, candles, and food to feed their souls. The Dead, El Dia de los Muertos.

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Positions: Wants more inclusiveness from the district for minority parents and parents with special education students; believes the district needs to develop a comprehensive treatment, counseling and awareness program to deal with student drug and alcohol use; believes the district needs to spend more time in developing a long-term plan addressing its

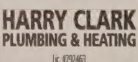
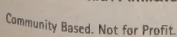
Positions: Is against "blanket" monitoring of students for possible inebriation at school dances because it sends a message that students can't be trusted; believes any district general fund savings should be spent equitably for sustainable programs if the money is available; believes placing AT&T Wireless antennas on Albany High School gives the city and school greater control of its placement and usage; would like more participation from residents, particularly those who speak other languages, in town-hall meetings.

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Finances

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nity, they take that role seriously and they want to continue their provision of high quality services — police, fire, emergency medical, recreation and all the other services that staff perform," explained Brad Cafel, the treasurer for Save El Cerrito Services. "They're contributing to get the message out, so residents are fully informed about the importance of Measure K. They want to make sure the community knows this is not a new tax, but it is vital to continuing all these services residents have benefited from and would hope to see continue."

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As of Sept. 30, Save El Cerrito Services owed \$11,386 to Media and Associates, a firm owned by political consultant Kevin Reikes, who has worked on a number of campaigns in

West Contra Costa County and El Cerrito. He's also known for crafting a developer-funded mailer that helped squelch Kathie Perka's City Council reelection bid in 2002.

Over the phone, Reikes said he expects he's "controversial to people that we beat," but said he doesn't lose a lot of sleep over it.

"There are two factions in El Cerrito," Reikes said. "If one says the sky is blue the other will say the sky is green. I will expect the same five people who are against everything in El Cerrito are against this (Measure K)."

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Tax Justice had not yet spent any money.

The committees of three of the four candidates running for three open seats on the El Cerrito City Council each raised several thousands of dollars by Sept. 30 according to campaign finance statements filed with the city.

Nurse practitioner Jan Bridges leads the El Cerrito candidate pack, raising \$6,786 and spending or owing \$3,507. Candidate

Bill Jones, a small business owner, raised \$5,228 and spent or owed \$3,476; and incumbent and attorney, Mayor Letitia Moore raised \$4,494 and spent \$1232.

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Raccoon

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act from the animal.

Susan Heckly, director of wildlife rehabilitation at the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in Walnut Creek, said it was the first she'd heard of such an unprovoked raccoon attack. She said that in most cases that lead to a human being bitten, the cause is the person trying to do what they think is kind.

"People try to attract them," she said. "They think it's cool to have a raccoon in the backyard and feed them. But it's really a disservice to the animal, and when they get too comfortable

... 99.9 percent of the time it means the animal will be killed."

Cadogan said they never got too friendly with the area raccoons. Having lived in the area around Sacramento and Ada streets for 30 years, she'd grown accustomed to seeing them around, but never did anything to encourage contact. Her only mistake was leaving the cat door unlocked.

"Raccoons are very, very smart," said Heckly. "They quickly learn that if they follow a cat through a cat door there will be food there. Lots of times people are sleeping and don't even know that a raccoon is coming in at night."

Fortunately for Emmet, rabies

is rare in raccoons on the West Coast. In the southeastern United States, it's fairly common, but the specific strain has yet to emerge in California. And out of 32 cases of humans infected with rabies in the past 15 years, 29 were attributed to bats.

But Emmet, who doesn't remember the attack, isn't taking any chances and is putting the word out.

"He made a raccoon warning poster," said his mother. "He took it to school, and has been knocking on doors around the neighborhood."

Eric Kurhi can be reached at 510-748-1686 or ekurhi@cc-times.com.


Hancock invites comments on Web site

Residents are asked to read and post their opinions on Assemblywoman Loni Hancock's new Web log at www.lonihancock.blogspot.com.

The blog is going to focus on one "hot topic" at a time and Hancock will choose the issues based on their immediate importance to the 14th Assembly District, according to a press release. The first topic will be the

"mega casino" proposed for San Pablo. "Your input is essential to having a terrific blog," Hancock wrote. "The more perspectives we have, the better we can understand the challenges facing us, and the more effectively I can represent you in Sacramento."

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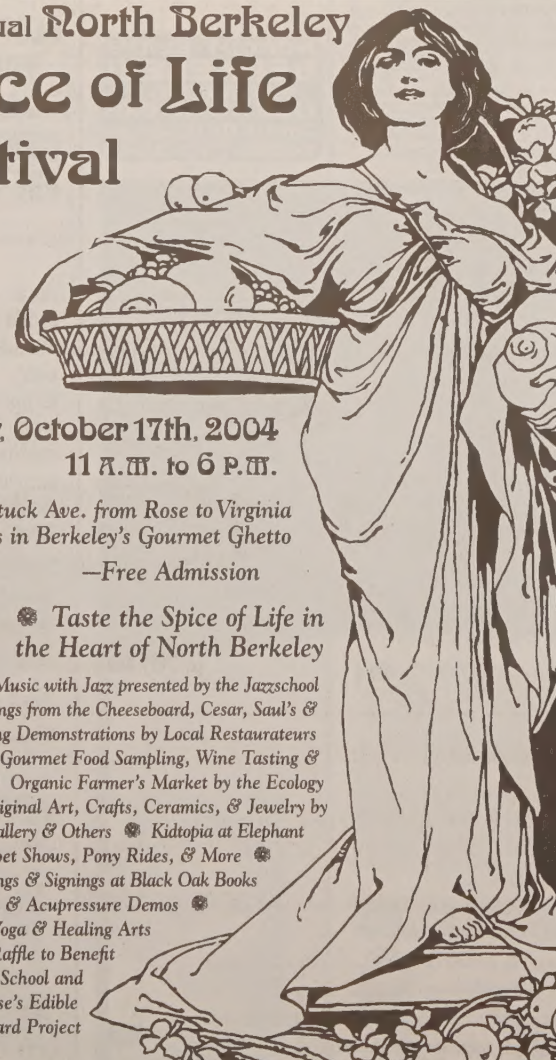
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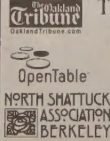


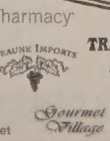
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RICHARD CROSS

Age: 53
Education: Retired attorney; B.A., religious studies, Pomona College; J.D., USC Law School; studied for Ph.D. in religious studies and humanities at Stanford University, 1974-1975.

Background: City attorney representing Santa Barbara public works and finance departments and the library from 1988-90; associate in law firm Price, Postel & Parma, Santa Barbara from 1990-94; associate in law firm Alexander & Karshmer, Berkeley, 1994-99; has advised the Klamath Forest Alliance pro bono regarding natural resources issues.
Positions: In favor of more open government — city should use its Web site to make information more accessible; believes city has to work with owner of Golden Gate Fields to find waterfront uses that balance open space with development; believes city should add housing in mixed-use developments but also consider what people want; against reducing traffic lanes on Marin Avenue; would like to develop a shuttle service on Solano Avenue to increase pedestrian traffic on that street.



Richard Cross

is a member of the Albany traffic and safety commission; narrowly defeated in 2002 City Council election.
Positions: Considers himself a moderate on waterfront issues — believes there is room for development but opposes development at the cost of the environment; favors decreasing traffic lanes on Marin Avenue; believes \$2 million for public safety buildings expansion was within Measure F ballot language; believes the city needs "small fixes" but no great change.

ROBERT LIEBER

Age: 50
Education: Registered nurse, Alta Bates Medical Center; B.A., special degree, small-group dynamics, Cal State Hayward; R.N., St. Luke's School of Nursing.

Background: Endorsed by the Sierra Club, the Alameda County Democratic Party, the Green Party of Alameda County and the League of Conservation Voters; in the last five years, has raised money for many peace and environmental organizations with his band, the Funky Nikons; served in the U.S. Navy, 1972-75, received the National Service Medal.
Positions: Opposed to Magna development plans for Golden Gate Fields and against casino gambling as advocated in Prop. 68; opposes reducing traffic lanes on Marin Avenue; supports a lower height limit on San Pablo Avenue; supports high-density residential uses on Kains Avenue and Adams Street and is against parking structures on those streets; believes council lacks leadership and fails to state positions on issues; reluctantly supported the \$2 million public safety building expansion paid for with Measure F money but believes it should have gone back to voters for approval.



Robert Lieber

JEWEL OKAWACHI

Age: 76
Education: Retiree; BA in psychology, UC Berkeley

Background: Albany Citizen of the Year 1990 and 1994; former and current member of numerous city commissions and committees, including Albany Chamber of Commerce Board, the Albany High School Athletic Boosters, the parks and recreation commission and the waterfront committee.
Positions: Wants environmentally sensitive and economically sound development on the waterfront; believes the \$2 million for the public safety building expansion was necessary for safety reasons, particularly to move the city's emergency operations center to the police building; wants architecturally pleasing buildings on San Pablo Avenue; wants more retail businesses in city, particularly in redevelopment area on Eastshore Highway and Cleveland Avenue.



Jewel Okawachi

ning Department from 1980-89; joined IBM in 2001.
Positions: Wants to maximize park land and opposes large-scale development on the waterfront; believes the current council lacks leadership on waterfront issues; believes the council diverted funds when it approved \$2 million to expand the public safety buildings and remodel City Hall, but supports the \$2.5 million seismic retrofit of those buildings; supports three-story buildings and high-quality developments on San Pablo Avenue.

ALAN RIFFER

Age: 55
Education: Retiree; M.B.A., University of Virginia; B.A., Brown University

Background: Vice chairman of city's parks and recreation commission; on the Albany School District Board 1989-96; member of the city's charter review committee 1997-2001; worked in finance division of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan in Oakland, became director of that division before retiring in 2003.
Positions: Wants more information about waterfront "visions" before making a decision; believes the council made a good decision in allocating \$2 million for public safety building expansion and City Hall renovations after increasing the amount for parks and open space; supports lowering height limits on San Pablo Avenue and forbidding commercial development on Kains Avenue and Adams Street; wants to attract more small businesses on San Pablo and Solano avenues; believes Target and PetsMart on the Eastshore Highway are types of stores that can attract shoppers with minimal effect on existing businesses.



Alan Riffer

BRIAN PARKER

Age: 48
Education: IBM marketing manager; B.S., environmental planning, UC Davis; M.B.A., UC Davis

Background: Endorsed by the Sierra Club, was a senior planner for the department of environmental management in Solano County from 1991-2001; was a Democratic Party organizer for Jerry Brown in 1990; was a planner for the Humboldt County Plan-



Brian Parker

FARID JAVANDEL

Age: 34
Education: Transportation engineer, Korve Engineering; B.S., civil engineering, UC Berkeley College of Civil Engineering; M.S., civil engineering with an emphasis on transportation, UC Berkeley College of Civil Engineering
Background: Born in Shiraz, Iran; has been a transportation engineer and software engineering instructor;



Farid Javandel

Council

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velopment, particularly while the track is still there.

Both are endorsed by the Sierra Club and want to see the waterfront made up mostly of park land with some hotel and retail space adjacent to the freeway.

Incumbent Jewel Okawachi, a retired businesswoman, said she does not want to see development next to the freeway as advocated in the CESP/Sierra Club plan, but would like to see it closer to the shoreline.

Alan Riffer, a retiree manager, said he hasn't up his mind about waterfront development.

Candidates Farid Javandel, a transportation engineer, support the Sierra Club plan, but are less enthusiastic about the waterfront.

Another issue under discussion in the race is the use of money from Measure F. The council recently divided the proceeds among a city infrastructure improvement including a \$2.4 million retrofit of the public City Hall buildings that the candidates oppose.

Measure

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lent of four residential units.

If Measure G passes by a two-thirds vote, those properties would be assessed based on their square footage. They would be taxed \$18 dollars per 1,200 square feet, which is considered the equivalent of one residential

unit. This means commercial properties greater than 2,400 square feet and industrial properties greater than 4,800 square feet will pay a larger share.

The respective proposed rates of 2,400 and 4,800 square feet would pay less.

There's no organization to the measure.

Bond

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time until it's about \$9 in 2028, the year the bond measure is expected to be paid in full, said Ruth Alahydoian, a financial advisor to the district.

The new bond measure would cost homeowners an additional \$25 to \$51 per \$100,000 of their assessed property values. Homeowners will pay it off through 2032.

The school renovations would

include roof, electrical and fire alarm and sprinkler placements; upgrade compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act; restroom upgrades; and hazardous waste abatement.

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There's no organization to the measure.

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Crocker Highland home reflects designer's artistry

Corona Shores active in early 20th century

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

On March 11, 1917, the Oakland Tribune treated readers of its Home Section to a story about a woman who designed homes. "Woman Successfully Beautifies Oakland Homes" the headline read. A pair of photos graced the page. The one on the left, between the headline and the text, portrayed Cora Shores, the woman who designed the home. The one on the right, between the headline and the text, showed her latest creation, the Crocker Highlands home at 1079 Ashmount Ave.

When a woman designs a home it is sure to be a home when it is finished for into it she builds those delicate refinements and feminine attributes, which must necessarily distinguish a home from a building which is merely a house.

Cora Shores, Early 20th century home designer

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STATISTICS

A 1917 Cora Shores-designed Traditional at 1079 Ashmount Ave. in Oakland's Crocker Highlands; featured on the 1994 Oakland Alliance Spring House Tour.

3,792 square-foot home on a 9,440 square-foot (.22 acre) lot. Rooms: Four-plus

Rooms: Three and one half

Fine architectural detailing sets off this spacious, gracious home. The master bedroom suite has a recently remodeled bathroom with walk-in closet. There are two additional bedrooms upstairs—one currently used as a media room—and an upstairs sunroom—currently used as a home office. The remodeled kitchen has a five-burner gas top, a Sub-Zero refrigerator, a microwave, granite counters, decorative backsplash and a butler's pantry. The home has a detached garage, a partial basement and beautifully refinished hardwood floors. The terrace looks out onto a private, park-like backyard.

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PHOTOS BY DENNIS EVANOSKY

ABOVE: WHEN CORA SHORES designed the distinctive Crocker Highlands home at 1079 Ashmount Ave., she gave it a simple unadorned stucco gable that focuses the eye. She added distinctive green Mission Revival-style tiles to the roof, giving the home a California flair.

RIGHT: THE FIREPLACE IS THE FOCAL POINT in the living room at 1079 Ashmount Ave. The room is spacious enough for entertaining and cozy enough to relax with family.



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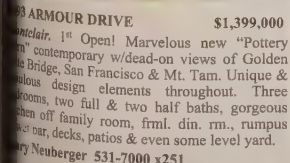
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ABOVE: WELCOME! CORA SHORE DESIGNED 1079 Ashmont Ave.'s foyer to accommodate the arrival of guests. She situated the dining room to the right and the living room to the immediate left of the home's entry way.

LEFT: SITUATED JUST OFF THE HOME'S ENTRY, the dining room is perfect for more formal meals and entertaining. The living room can be seen through the foyer in this picture. A less formal breakfast room, just off the kitchen, adjoins the dining room.



PHOTOS BY DEN



ABOVE: A DELIGHTFUL SOLARIUM-FAMILY ROOM provides a colorful, leafy place to relax and adjacently the home's inviting outdoor.

LEFT: THE SIMPLE UNADORNED stucco focuses the eye and leads the eye to the portico with its fluted columns and the broken pediment that holds a wrought iron balcony.

Mrs. Shores has designed, built, furnished and sold six residences, which are classed among the most artistic and attractive homes in Oakland.

The Oa

Ashmount

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the home at 1079 Ashmount Ave. in Oakland's Crocker Highlands.

Shores was a well-respected designer at the turn of the 19th to the 20th century, her homes among the most artistic and attractive. They sold quickly, often before she could finish them. In fact, she may have intended to live in 1079 Ashmount herself, as she is listed as owner in the 1915 building permit. She apparently started building several homes for herself, but acquisitive buyers often convinced her to sell her creations before she could complete them.

"Mrs. Shores has designed, built, furnished and sold six residences, which are classed among the most artistic and most attractive homes in Oakland," the Tribune told its readers.

According to the Tribune, Shores spared no expense on her creations. "I do not attempt to balance the cost of materials with the price," she told the newspaper. "I plan and build and finish a home in the most artistic and attractive way . . . I have always found my work appreciated."

Indeed, if Shores intended 1079 Ashmount for herself, John P. Clark apparently agreed with Shores and found her work artistic and attractive. He purchased the home for his family.

Shores came from a family of architects. Her brother Vincent Hodgkins worked as a noted cathedral designer, the Tribune tells us. She prided herself as a designer of homes, not houses. She believed that men could design houses, but "when a woman

designs a home it is sure to be a home when it is finished for into it she builds those delicate refinements and feminine attributes, which must necessarily distinguish a home from a building which is merely a house."

The Oakland Heritage Alliance featured this architecturally significant home on its 1994 "Spring House Tour."

"The symmetrical design of the facade displays strong forms," the OHA told its tour participants. "The simple unadorned stucco gable focuses the eye and leads it to the portico with its fluted Doric columns and the broken pediment that hold a small wrought iron balcony railing."

OHA draws attention to Shore's green roof tile and calls it "distinctive," complementing the home's color scheme.

The current owners purchased this magnificent home in 1975 and lovingly restored it. They incorporated modern conveniences while retaining Shore's original architectural charm.

The living and dining rooms flank the large entry foyer. The spacious, light-filled living room has a fireplace with marble surround and hearth, and access to a sunroom. The formal dining room opens to a charming breakfast room with an original marble floor and floor-to-ceiling windows.

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- two additional bedrooms up-

stairs, one currently used as a media room

- upstairs sunroom—currently used as a home office
- a new marble floor in second bathroom upstairs
- a guest bedroom and recently updated bathroom on the main level
- a remodeled kitchen with five-burner gas cook top, Sub-Zero refrigerator, microwave, granite counters, decorative tile backsplash, trash compactor, butler's pantry
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NEW WELCOME SIGN AT THE OAKLAND ZOO in Knowland Park greeted members of the Oakland Association of Realtors during their Realtor Appreciation Event – A Day At The Zoo. Realtors and their families were treated to a walking tour of amazing animals and a networking reception with a delectable repast.

Oakland Realtors 'talk to the animals'

BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

It was lions and tigers and Realtors, oh my! Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) members

dividually and as a group. They support this association, the community and those in need," commented Colleen Porter, Executive Officer for the group. "We like to

to children, as they are able to view the animals close-up, in the spring of 2005, a new children's area with a small-critters petting en-



ENTER AN "ANIMALS – A TO Z" full tour of the zoo on OAR Realtor Appreciation Day. Realtor Colleen Porter (center) of Prudential California Realty-Oakland relaxes and enjoys a bite to eat with her niece India Wilkerson (right) and her daughter Nori Marie Patterson (left) at the group's working reception.

invited to talk to the animals at the recent Realtor Appreciation Event at the "new" Oakland Zoo in Knowland Park. The question is: do the animals talk back?

Although the venue and activities change, OAR plans this event yearly. "Realtors are always giving and giving to others, in-

do something special for them each year, to say thank you."

The Oakland Zoo is an enjoyable learning experience that's full of fun and animal antics. With the exception of one hill, the paths that take one past the exhibits are easy to follow and negotiate. It is particularly friendly

closure is due to be completed. OAR members were given free parking, free admission passes and tasty treats at a late afternoon reception. Those attending the "Realtor Appreciation Day Event – A Day At The Zoo" were wel-

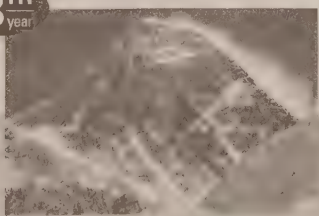
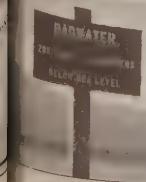
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REALTOR HERNAN LUNA of Prudential California Realty-Piedmont and his son Blake listen for the roar of the Lion King in Lion Country at the zoo during OAR's yearly Realtor Appreciation Day. After working up an appetite the two joined the Realtor group for tasty treats at a networking reception in the Snow Building.

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Getting rid of PMI can be tricky

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A. Typically once a loan goes below 80 percent of the secured property's market value, PMI is no longer necessary. However, depending on the mortgage documentation (which is basically your loan contract, or covenant) that you signed, a stipulation requiring 24 consecutive on-time payments may be an additional consideration to remove the PMI requirement. That may be a specific requirement from CalHfa.

Also, given the price volatility of the California housing market (as evidenced by your property increasing in value by more than 20 percent in about one year's time), the 24-month interval may be necessary to mitigate both the lender's risk and CalHfa's risk in such a fluctuating housing market.

Therefore, as always, the written terms of your agreement will dictate what can be done by all parties. Read your loan documentation to see what specific terms must be met to remove your PMI.

If there is nothing in that documentation requiring the 24 consecutive months, then bring that to your lender's attention so that they can remove the PMI.

Q. I have some property that I want to put into the names of my children. Can I do this or do I have to go through an estate attorney?

A. Anytime you are going to transfer property rights (ownership) to other individuals, I always believe that one should have an attorney AT LEAST review the transfer documents.

In the case of estate planning, an attorney is needed to ensure that

all the proper procedures are followed to allow your intent to be successfully completed. There are many rules and laws surrounding what and when property is transferred, and an estate attorney is your best option at this time. It will cost you some money now, but it will most likely be less expensive than the alternative potential outcome to your children later.

Q. Help! I hope you can give us some insight. Prior to selling our home four years ago, we had it surveyed so 2-plus wooded acres could split off to the land next to it, which we had bought with plans to rebuild. We then sold our home, advertised at the reduced acreage, and built our new home on the attached land. We've now been here four years.

All's fine until last year when the original buyers of our home moved and sold their (formerly our) home. The new buyer researched the court records and found that no surveying changes had ever been registered and the additional land was his.

When we phoned the surveying company they stated that unless a customer explicitly asks (which we didn't) they don't file changes. All this time we assumed they had!!! My question is what rights do we have? As it stands now, our home is actually on part of the land in question but the buyer won't sell us the land.

We don't believe the seller was aware of the additional acreage as the sell was through the same realtor. A windfall for him. Our biggest concern now is we don't want to have any legal issues when the time comes to resell our home. We asked a local lawyer but he quoted us \$750 to research to tell us what our options, if any, are. Appreciate your advice/insight! Many thanks.

A: You undertook the correct actions by hiring an attorney. I suggest that you follow through on this action because that is the only way you are going to be able to get an amenable solution to this terrible situation. Without seeing the specific sales contracts,



TOM HAMILTON
Real Estate O&A

I would assume that when you sold the property (even though you stated that the acreage was reduced), the legal description included in the transaction would dictate the transferred property rights' boundaries.

Those boundaries apparently were not changed in the county's land succession/registration database and you may have actually sold them land that you thought was yours.

Furthermore, another reason for contacting an attorney is to see what rights and remedies you may have with issues related to the actions taken by the surveying company and/or the real estate brokerage company.

Again, without specific knowledge to your contract and specific Illinois law regarding this matter, you may currently have only limited rights in this matter.

If the new owner is "reasonable", that owner may try to work out a deal that allows everyone to gain some level of satisfaction, but don't be surprised if it becomes somewhat expensive to rectify. The surveyor probably didn't record the change because it is either the owners' responsibility and/or there was a fee involved that the owner needed to pay.

Sorry about my view of the prognosis. You may get better news from your attorney. Please keep us posted on your situation.

Q: Hi, I am a resident of a local condo community. As owners, we pay \$140 per month in association dues for landscaping, trash removal, etc. To make a long story short, I am very unhappy with the service

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Coldwell Banker goes 'batty' over 'Open Home Fall Festival'

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Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the Bay Area announced today that its local offices will be hosting a Halloween-themed Open Home Fall Festival on Sunday, Oct. 24.

Attendees of the event will have the opportunity to tour hundreds of open homes and will be invited to enter a drawing to win one of three \$500 American Express gift checks. The drawing will be held Wednesday, Oct. 27.

Although sales are typically slower at the end of the year, Coldwell Banker Northern California has been experiencing a surge of sales in recent months and the company projects sales

to remain strong through December. For several months now, Northern California homebuyers have been experiencing a low inventory due to the decrease of available homes on the market.

Low interest rates have attracted many buyers and sellers to the market and have caused many homes to go into multiple offer situations.

Northern California home sales are expected to remain brisk, especially since inventories are steadily beginning to rise, creating more opportunities for homebuyers.

Avram Goldman, president and chief operating officer of Coldwell Banker in the Bay Area, believes that this fall is a

perfect time for those looking for their dream home to attend the Open Home Fall Festival.

"Our goal is to make real estate dreams come true and the Open Home Fall Festival is a great opportunity to help make those dreams a reality," said Goldman.

"We'll have hundreds of homes throughout the Bay Area and Northern California open for potential buyers to preview. If you're looking to buy or sell a home, this is the perfect opportunity to make your move."

For additional information about the Open Home Fall Festival, please contact your local Coldwell Banker office or visit www.CaliforniaMoves.com to see properties on the market.

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You are invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony and Open House, 3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20. The event celebrates the opening of the new location of Bay Area Real Estate Ladies & Loans and its sub-office The Real Estate Man, at the new Mall. The real estate and mortgage brokerage additionally offers a specialty gift shop with housewarming items. A Child Fingerprint Photo Day is planned. The free event is from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23. Parents and children enjoy prizes, balloons and more. To find out more, call 510-492-3000.

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ORLANDO

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MAYOR MEETS

The Rental Housing Association of Northern Alameda County offers a membership meeting monthly. Non-members are also encouraged to attend. The next meeting is 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 21. The meeting is held at the Greek Orthodox Church, on Lincoln Avenue, in Oakland. The guest speaker is Mayor **Jerry Brown**. Additionally ballot measures will be discussed. For information and registration call



the RHANAC office at 510-893-9873.

ARPB DYNAMICS

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) presents "The Dynamic Networking Breakfast," from 8 to 10 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20. Join Realtists at Jimmie's in Oakland. Agents are encouraged to market their properties. Call **Tyrone Cooley** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

TOUR REPEAT

Oakland Realtors are invited to join Oakland Affiliates at the monthly Tour Day Breakfast. The breakfast is 8:45, Thursday, Oct. 28 at the

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Readers become our friends: Myrna and Bethany

Number 472 in a series of true experiences in real estate

We met recently two most pleasant women I'll call Myrna and Bethany. It was Myrna who first contacted us. She's been reading this column, she explained, and had decided long ago that if she ever had to sell her house, she'd call us.

On the phone she asked, "Which one are you?"

Anet's the one on the left in the photo," I told her. "She has curly hair. I'm Pat. I have straight hair."

"I have straight hair, too," Myrna said, and, bing, I knew that I had bonded with this woman.

Myrna told me that she's now 83, and not long ago had knee replacement surgery. She needs to move out of her house to a retirement home.

I asked how she was feeling about going, and her answer made me sad. "I don't have any choice," she said.

"Where will you go?" I wanted to know.

"I want to stay in Berkeley, and I've looked at different places. I think this one I found just today will work. I've signed a contract that begins next week."

"I'm trying to clear my house. My basement is full. Too many interests in life," she said, which made me ask, "Can one have too many interests?"

"Well, there's a lot I don't know what to do with. I can't take it with me. Now I'm working on the linen closet."

"Wait," I tell her, "maybe we can figure something out. We'll come see you and give you the names of someone who can sell your things, and others who will accept donations."

It was Bethany who opened the front door and introduced herself as Myrna's friend. When Myrna heard us come in, she got up from where she'd been sitting and walked with some difficulty



TARPOFF AND TALBERT
True Experiences

into the kitchen to greet us.

She's a tall, handsome woman. She looks quite strong bodied, she does have short straight hair, and she has beautiful, long-fingered hands. She offered her hand, smooth and soft and cool.

Bethany showed us around the house, then we all found chairs in the living room where we could sit and talk amongst neat piles of linens, tablecloths and such, stacked on the couch. We talked about the persimmon tree in the front garden loaded

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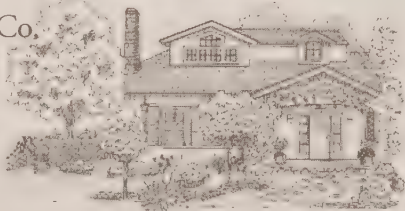
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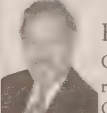
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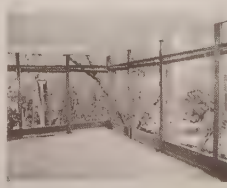


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with fruit, and we talked about them, their lives, their friendship.

Myrna came to California from Texas to attend Mills College in the 1940s, did a stint in the Navy, returned to Mills for graduate work. It was after that, at the first job she'd applied for, the one she'd stayed at until retirement, that she'd met Bethany. Myrna had bought her house 50 years before, and it was she who had done all the gardening and made repairs. "Myrna's quite handy," her friend said.

The two had traveled together, had parties together, had just the night before gone to another friend's nearby house for dinner. And, it seemed, since Myrna's knee problems and surgery, Bethany had been the one who drove Myrna to doctor's appointments,

physical therapy, on errands and social visits.

Thank goodness for friends. "You are a wonderful friend," I told Bethany. Clearly, Bethany was now engaged in helping Myrna go through the linen closet and the basement workshop full of power tools. Plus the darkroom with its photography equipment. Also, receipts and bills and old tax records.

We asked Myrna if she knew yet what she'd be taking with her. Yes, pretty much. She knew the room she'd taken wasn't large. She'd need only her bed, TV, desk, chair, and such. Everything else would be left behind.

Only distant family was left in Texas, no need to send things to them. It would be a huge job to sort through what was in the house and garage, one the ladies found overwhelming.

"We'll call Sharon," we said. "Sharon Hoyle. She's terrific."

Sharon has a small shop in Berkeley on Shattuck near Francisco. It's called Mixed Pickles. And she holds household sales.

"You can take everything you want and leave the rest. Sharon will come look at what you've got, give you an estimate of what it will sell for. She'll advertise the sale, go through everything and price it, write a receipt for each item for you. And after the sale, she will clear the house of anything left over."

"Not long ago Sharon sold everything left behind by some clients of ours who moved to Mexico. She did a great job, even sold some of our client's collectibles on eBay for them. If Sharon is available, and we do hope she is, she'll give us dates, and we can make a good plan."

"Myrna will move, Sharon will come, then we'll have the house inspected. Depending on what we find out about the house, we'll make suggestions to you for work that might be done. Then we can set a date for putting the house on the market."

This all sounded good to Myrna and Bethany. Myrna will need money to support herself. Retirement homes are expensive, and the more services one receives, the more they cost. Myrna, for instance, takes medications which, we learned, are ordered and administered by a staff member. There is an extra monthly charge for this service.

We got up to go. Bethany walked us to the door. She was tired she said. "Myrna is tired, too."

It would be a great relief to them both to have the house and contents dealt with. "Thank you," Bethany said, and we said, "Thank you."

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Welcome back, Bobbi; welcome, Jack

PRUDENTIAL CALIFORNIA REALTY'S GRAND LAKE OFFICE welcomes Bobbi Vogel back into real estate after a year's absence. When Bobbi entered real estate in 2002 she quickly moved to "top-producer" status because of her hard work and great service orientation. During the past year Bobbi became a "mom" adopting her son Jack in early 2003. "Jack has been as challenging as real estate and has been lots of fun," said Bobbi. Jack knows he is a "momma's boy." After spending a year home with Bobbi he gave thumbs up for her returning to the work she loves. She can be reached at 510-834-2010 or www.bobbivogel.com.



PRUDENTIAL CALIFORNIA REALTOR BOBBI VOGEL took some time off to be with Jack. Now she's back at the Grand Lake office, ready to serve your real estate needs. (That's Jack on the left being a Momma's boy. He recently gave Bobbi permission to go back to work.)

Jack has been as challenging as real estate and has been lots of fun. Jack knows he is a "momma's boy."

Bobbi Vogel speaking about the love of her life

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Winans Construction is a 26-year old firm specializing in residential remodeling in the East Bay. Paul has given many seminars to homeowners over the past several years.

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Hamilton

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that I am getting at such a high cost (\$1880 per year). I would like to know if I could withhold these fees until we have better service, or would I need backing of other residents?

Please let me know what I should/can do!

A: I am assuming that the condo community fees that you pay, just like most homeowner association fees, are not voluntary. With that assumption in mind, you probably cannot withhold your payment for what you believe is "poor" service. You also have answered your own

question by looking toward other residents to assist your goal of getting "better service." So, with that in mind, you should get a copy of your association rules and bylaws and determine what remedies are available to you.

If you cannot understand the document's legal jargon, your best alternative is to hire legal counsel

to assist you. You may think that is expensive, but if there are 50 other residents who feel the same way, and the legal fees total \$1,000 then it is only \$20 per resident.

That equates to only about four days of fees that you pay anyway. You could also get a solution to your problem on how to get better service.

Thanks for asking and I hope this helps.

Tom Hamilton, Ph.D., is associate professor at the Shenahan Center for Real Estate Education at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis. E-mail questions to: thamilton@stthomas.edu. Please include name, city and state.

THIS WEEK'S OPEN HOME GUIDE STARTS ON B18.

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Built in 1920, this comfortable Craftsman home with two bedrooms and one bath is all on one level and powered by solar energy. There is a large, gracious living room, a formal dining room, and a spacious eat-in kitchen. A small office has multiple phone lines and DSL. Hardwood floors and nice backyard. Close to Glenview shopping district.



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1336 Hearst Ave. Open Sun 2-4
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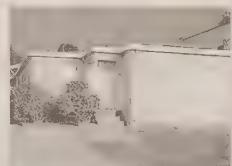
Albany \$595,000
Wonderfully charming, lovingly maintained 1929 home on beautiful tree-lined street. Two bedrooms, remodeled bath, living and dining rooms w/gorgeous inlaid hardwood floors, updated kitchen, large bonus room. Detached 2-car garage. Two blocks from Solano Ave.

730 Pomona Ave. Open Sun 2-4
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Charming & immaculate 3 br/2.5 bath home. Sun-filled rooms w/soaring ceilings. Family room-kitchen combo. Double garage w/interior access. Level-out to patio and large, lovely fenced & landscaped garden. Prestigious gated community near Bay Trail. Community pool.

41 Seagull Dr. Open Sun 1:30-4:30
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Richmond Annex \$529,000
Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. In move-in condition with many upgrades! Bright & airy living room/dining room. Newer paint in and out. Newer roof. Close to shops, public transit & freeway.

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Oakland \$519,000
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2457 Carmel Open Sun 2-4:30
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Prime location and many upgrades! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath split-level home has lovely hardwood floors, new roof, new exterior paint, new wood-burning stove, more! Close to Solano Ave. and Plaza BART.

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WHAT?

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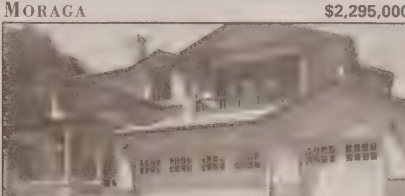
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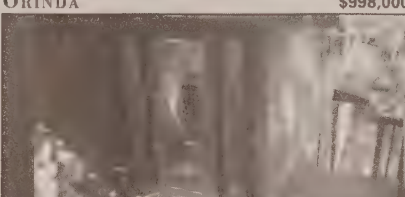
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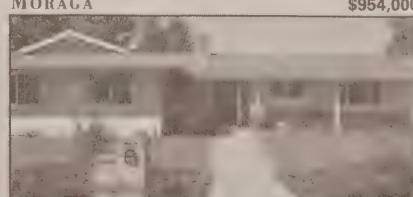
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 1226 Central - \$600,000
 1229 Central - \$726,000
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 1220 Encinal - \$685,000
 1222 Encinal - \$501,000
 1227 Encinal - \$645,000
 1222 Evelyn - \$840,000
 1216 Fernside - \$690,000
 1270 Lincoln B - \$699,000
 1280 Mound - \$688,000
 1202 Otis - \$440,000
 1244 Pacific - \$455,000
 1220 Shorepoint 318 - \$385,000
 1220 Shorepoint - \$201,500
 1220 Stone Harbour - \$869,000
 1228 Trellis - \$565,000
 1229 Washington - \$527,500
 1227 Webster B100 - \$332,000
 1225 Webster C308 - \$266,000
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 1225 Pierce 1022 - \$285,000
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 1225 Portland - \$720,000
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 124 Adeline - \$795,000
 1222 Bancroft - \$557,000
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 1208 Blake - \$650,000
 121 Buena Vista - \$670,000
 122 Buena Vista - \$910,000
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 1235 Chilton - \$540,000
 1215 Cowper - \$8,250,000
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 1206 Dana B - \$305,000
 1207 Edwards - \$582,500
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Delightful two bedroom, two bathroom home with remodeled kitchen and baths! Master bedroom opens to charming yard, pretty views, attached garage and lots of storage.



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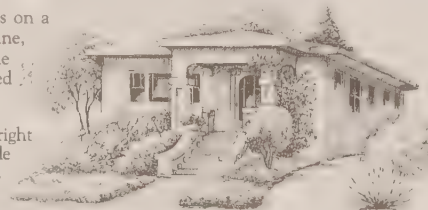
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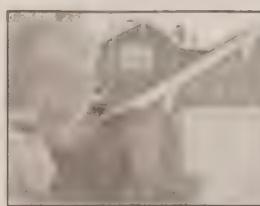
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37 Ironwood, Oakland

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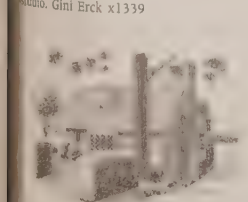
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PIEDMONT \$1,595,000
 101 REQUA RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 This 3BR/3BA home provides elegant, large rooms, easy indoor - outdoor living, lovely views, & lots of storage. Dana Dworin x1384



BERKELEY \$825,000
 1438 GRANT ST. (Open 2-4:30)
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$795,000
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MONTCLAIR \$719,000
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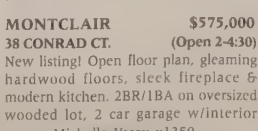
PARKRIDGE ESTATES \$699,000
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$649,000
 3422 JORDAN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 English charm on a huge, totally landscaped lot. Circa 1926. Close to parks & transportation. 3BR/1.5BA. Chuck Corwin x1353



MONTCLAIR \$619,000
 6070 THORNHILL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 Have it both ways: Montclair seclusion + convenient location; 1930's character + modern spaces; wooded patio + sunny, level yard! 2+BR, 2BA. Nancy Moore x1302



MONTCLAIR \$575,000
 38 CONRAD CT. (Open 2-4:30)
 New listing! Open floor plan, gleaming hardwood floors, sleek fireplace & modern kitchen. 2BR/1BA on oversized wooded lot, 2 car garage w/interior access. Michelle Vasey x1359

Open Sunday

SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS \$545,000
 37 IRONWOOD (Open 2-4:30)
 New listing! All level living. 3BR/2BA end unit w/excellent floorplan. Bay view. Exceptional outdoor living/garden. Spacious living room w/vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Beautifully remodeled eat-in kitchen. Robyn Mohr x1310

DIMOND HEIGHTS \$469,000
 3954 CANON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New listing! Beautiful brown shingle 2BR/2BA 2-story townhome w/amenities galore! Great separation of space, yard, interior access from 1 car garage, near Glenview shops & transportation. Rich Gould x1347

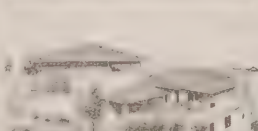
LAUREL \$455,000
 3052 DELAWARE ST. (Open 2-5)
 Lovely spacious Victorian. Newly painted 4BR/2BA. Updated baths, master suite. Large backyard w/dog run. Jennie A. Flanigan x1354

By Appointment

BERKELEY \$2,950,000
 Stunning 4+BR/4BA contemporary in spectacular setting. Extensively remodeled. Floor to ceiling windows. A work of art! Nancy Noman x1373



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$2,850,000
 Trophy estate in Claremont Gines. Stately Normandy, charming guest cottage, beautiful conservatory surrounded by gated grounds. View of S.F. & the bay. 4BR/4.5BA. David Ichikawa x1331



MONTCLAIR \$1,499,000
 Smashing views from almost every room and terrace of this 3900+ square foot masterpiece. Soaring ceilings and glass wrapped open living areas. 4+BR/4.5BA. Fritz Hochfellner x1348



PIEDMONT \$1,350,000
 Fantastic 4+BR/3+BA view home with convenient floorplan. Huge downstairs rumpus with party kitchen & access to yard and covered patio. Tom Nemeth x1381



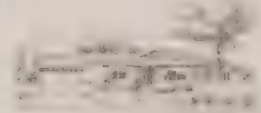
PIEDMONT \$1,100,000
 Traditional Prairie style with spacious rooms and high ceilings on approximately 1/4 acre private lot. 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, family room and beautiful yard. Rosalie Woods x1324

By Appointment



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$995,000
 Quaint English cottage full of charm & beauty. FDR, library, family room, office & level yard. Approx. 3000 sq. ft. 4BR/3+BA. Dee Knowland x1318

MONTCLAIR \$989,000
 5+BR/3.5BA, 2 family rooms, formal dining, big kitchen, hobby room, huge garage, elevator, decks with sweeping Bay view, 1/4 acre lot. Fritz Hochfellner x1348



OAKLAND HILLS \$825,000
 Hillcrest Highlands. 3000+ s.f. Traditional on large lot, cul-de-sac location. 4BR/2.5BA, 2 family rooms. MBR on main level. Level yard & decks. Serene setting. Nancy Chev x1342

BERKELEY \$650,000
 Stunning Mid-century Modern. Redwood and glass, Bay views. 3BR/2BA, room for expansion or in-law. Move-in condition. Mary Montali x1350

CASTRO VALLEY \$495,000
 Darling & light-filled 3BR/1BA on fantastic landscaped level lot. Updated kitchen w/ breakfast bar, dining area, wonderful patio. Sandi Klemmer x1314

OAKLAND HILLS \$490,000
 Approximately 1/2 acre in beautiful Hillcrest Estates. Gentle upslope corner lot w/potential bay view in a developed area of lovely homes. Debi Fitzgerald x1306

SAN LEANDRO \$438,000
 Charming 2BR/1.5 BA, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, yards, attached 1 car garage, shop & wonderful covered patio. Michelle Miller x1335

Coming Soon

GLENVIEW \$559,000
 Glenview duplex vacant and ready for new owners. One unit is 1BR/1BA, the other 2BR/1.5BA. Large backyard. Newly painted inside and out. Kathy Flynn 1317

Sales

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4833 El Grande Pl - \$612,500
 3916 El Monte - \$365,000
 3997 La Colina - \$474,000
 4000 La Colina - \$370,000
 5405 Martis - \$485,000
 3560 Milfin - \$395,000

EMERYVILLE

1238 54th - \$500,000
 2 Admiral B172 - \$340,000
 4 Admiral B334 - \$283,000
 5 Admiral F302 - \$279,000
 4 Anchor - \$215,000
 7 Captain C219 - \$265,000
 6363 Christie 2206 - \$720,000
 6 Commodore C239 - \$245,000
 5855 Horton - \$350,000

KENSINGTON

60 Richardson - \$1,150,000

OAKLAND

1075 100th - \$400,000
 2036 104th - \$345,000
 2148 105th - \$330,000
 1426 10th - \$514,000
 2319 11th - \$432,000
 2509 14th - \$400,000
 2538 19th - \$380,000
 1062 24th - \$395,000
 1538 26th - \$393,000
 937 26th - \$350,000
 425 28th 105B - \$435,000
 371 30th 403 - \$480,000
 2868 38th B - \$210,000
 1644 40th - \$368,000
 918 40th - \$389,000
 2235 42nd - \$260,000
 970 42nd - \$539,000
 1432 44th - \$450,000
 2025 48th - \$446,000
 326 49th - \$275,000
 373 50th - \$750,000
 891 57th - \$350,000
 492 58th - \$485,000
 1046 61st - \$395,000
 1215 61st - \$520,000
 3383 64th - \$225,000
 3570 64th - \$260,000
 2476 67th - \$420,000
 1031 70th - \$125,000
 967 72nd - \$191,500

3011 73rd - \$245,000
 2736 74th - \$220,000
 1600 82nd - \$355,000
 2251 86th - \$295,000
 2245 89th - \$330,000
 1601 90th - \$319,500
 1275 96th - \$400,000
 8617 A - \$140,000
 1466 Adeline - \$435,000
 671 Alleen - \$560,000
 7822 Alder - \$400,000
 681 Alvarado - \$1,288,500
 769 Alvarado - \$1,125,000
 4071 Aqua Vista - \$286,000
 2303 Arrowhead - \$615,000
 2025 Auson - \$348,000
 7512 Bancroft - \$375,000
 389 Belmont 301 - \$380,000
 1071 Brookwood - \$750,000
 6105 Buena Vista - \$825,000
 9500 C - \$286,000
 200 Caldecott 101 - \$336,000
 260 Caldecott 211 - \$326,000
 180 Caldecott 302 - \$515,500
 5115 Camden - \$506,500
 2515 Castello - \$560,000
 5960 Chaboly Tr - \$701,000
 6240 Chelton - \$779,000
 9311 Cherry - \$248,000
 5205 Cole - \$375,000
 5958 Colton - \$740,000
 4654 Congress - \$350,000
 6350 Contra Costa - \$910,000
 10720 Cotter - \$600,000
 460 Crescent 301 - \$345,000
 455 Crescent - \$223,500
 460 Crescent - \$280,000
 3216 Dakota - \$475,000
 1275 Ivy - \$1,250,000
 5077 Dublin - \$680,000
 2819 Durant - \$360,000
 5517 East 16th - \$405,000
 2627 Eastman - \$393,000
 1315 El Centro - \$550,000
 3821 Everett - \$603,000
 3943 Everett - \$590,000
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 6822 Exeter - \$970,000
 321 Glendale - \$850,000
 4816 Gordon - \$392,000
 7424 Halliday - \$400,000
 3768 Harrison 103 - \$255,000
 3405 Helen 4 - \$365,000
 7634 Hillside - \$320,000
 7139 Holly - \$410,000
 4144 Howe - \$585,000
 2650 Humboldt - \$300,000
 2990 Jordan - \$1,100,000
 1 Kelton 7C - \$305,000
 573 Kenmore - \$775,000

1187 Seminary - \$280,000
 58 Sereno Cr - \$616,000
 6460 Shelterwood - \$751,000
 8253 Skyline Cr - \$915,000
 4415 - Andrews - \$440,000
 7576 Sterling - \$360,000
 7914 Sunkist - \$536,000
 1155 Sunnyhills - \$940,000
 1443 Sunshine - \$235,000
 2407 Telegraph 304 - \$345,000
 1193 Trestle Glen - \$1,265,000
 241 Tunis - \$176,000
 9365 Vista - \$235,000
 5460 Wadean Pl - \$325,500
 10129 Walnut - \$325,000
 7851 Weld - \$270,000
 3 W. Em'adero 142 - \$259,500
 5 W.Em'adero 325 - \$385,000
 3201 West - \$410,000
 3872 West - \$360,000
 7925 Winthrop - \$440,000
 5025 W'minster 204 - \$320,000

PIEDMONT

1136 Oakland - \$1,165,000
 25 Ramona - \$550,000
 220 Sunnyside - \$627,000

RICHMOND

426 2nd - \$109,500

654 39th - \$420,000
 22 7th - \$305,000
 686 7th - \$250,000
 855 9th - \$400,000
 5920 Amend - \$595,000
 3161 Birmingham 208 - \$275,000
 221 Buena Vista - \$430,000
 1913 Chanslor - \$295,000
 304 Chesley - \$317,000
 5118 Clinton - \$375,000
 5011 Fleming - \$395,000
 561 Harbour - \$455,000
 305 Hawk Ridge - \$695,000
 317 Hawk Ridge - \$659,500
 1711 Hellings - \$336,000
 1719 Hellings - \$342,000

2417 Homestead Cr - \$280,000
 2379 Humphrey - \$280,000
 5234 Huntington - \$320,000
 1060 Inverness - \$470,000
 2430 Lincoln - \$365,000
 1805 Inverness - \$320,000
 1635 Livingston - \$310,000
 3401 May - \$295,000
 2936 McKenzie - \$380,000
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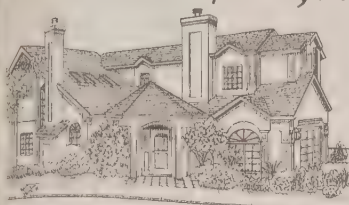
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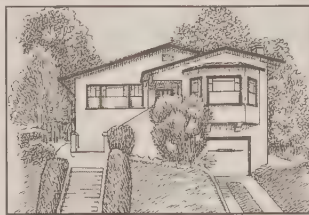
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\$650,000
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\$750,000
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1151 Garfield. Gorgeous remodeled 2BR plus den/1 bath.
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\$549,000
5736-5738 Ayala Ave., Oakland. 2 houses, 1 lot, great location!
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\$1,199,000
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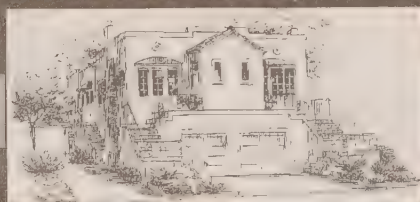
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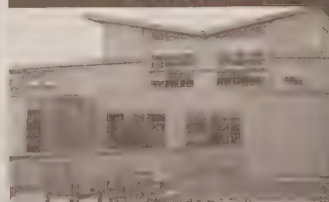
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3755 Painted Pony - \$675,000
3335 Park Ridge - \$638,000
3337 Park Ridge - \$720,000
1300 Quarry 312 - \$380,000
2849 Rheem - \$430,000
1511 Santa Clara - \$550,000
615 Sonoma - \$489,000
110 South 17th - \$239,000
537 South 30th - \$315,000
1205 South 56th - \$530,000
349 South 9th - \$286,000

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1660 142nd - \$480,000
1724 143rd - \$500,000
1205 148th - \$476,000
1654 151st - \$500,000

15682 Baypoint - \$675,000
365 Bellevue - \$435,000
2179 Benedict - \$550,000
16067 Carolyn - \$423,000
15550 Cranbrook - \$495,000
763 Crocus - \$565,000
377 Dolores - \$400,000
1099 Donovan - \$212,500
133 Dorchester - \$470,000
350 Garcia - \$385,000
362 Garcia - \$410,000
1596 Hubbard - \$480,000
1845 Lanier - \$505,000
14512 Lark - \$475,000
357 Lexington - \$415,000
641 Majestic 36 - \$302,000
1258 Margery - \$452,000
2400 Marina - \$200,000
713 Matoza - \$710,000
14570 Outrigger - \$290,000
715 Raineer - \$728,000
15211 Ranger - \$723,000
1632 Renaissance - \$454,500
1638 Renaissance - \$434,500

1642 Renaissance - \$459,000
2541 San Leandro - \$305,000
1810 San Rafael - \$507,000
14045 School - \$550,000
16657 Selby - \$535,000
220 Sunnyside - \$500,000
1165 Tulane - \$560,000
1205 Vistagrand - \$600,000
1407 Wainwright 4 - \$366,000
2350 West 134th - \$795,000

SAN LORENZO

1792 Bandoni - \$450,000
1851 Bandoni - \$520,000
526 ew - \$465,000
920 Elgin G - \$310,000
563 Heritage Cr - \$413,000
567 Heritage Cr - \$420,500
15872 Via Alamitos - \$419,000
16114 Via Alamitos - \$449,000
1161 Via Coralla - \$387,500
18251 Via Jose - \$557,000
17068 Via P'tiempo - \$460,000

2074 Via Rancho - \$485,000
1738 Via Redondo - \$470,000

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MEDIAN PRICE: \$645,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$602,260

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LOWEST PRICE: \$215,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$720,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$283,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$355,222

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TOTAL SALES: 1

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$830,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$524,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$554,778

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TOTAL SALES: 144
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$410,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$502,823

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TOTAL SALES: 3

LOWEST PRICE: \$550,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,185,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$627,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$780,667

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910 Pomona Avenue Open 2-5



BERKELEY - NEW! \$1,095,000
3/2 - Elegant & gracious, architect-designed Contemporary home offering privacy, spacious patios & magnificent grounds on 14,000 square feet of level lot. Perfect for entertaining.
1 Park Gate Open 2-5



BERKELEY \$1,085,000
4+/3+ - Located on a tree-lined cul-de-sac, this country-style home features tastefully re-modeled kitchen, formal dining & living rooms, hardwood floor, large rear yard & deck.
69 San Mateo Road Open 2-4:30



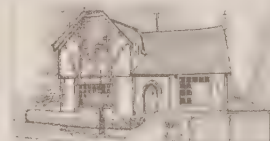
LAFAYETTE \$1,095,000
Two Houses - On one big beautiful lot. One-level 4+/2.5 built in 1992. One 3/1.5 at front of lot. Private, serene, lush landscaping. Convenient to shopping and much more.
1595 Pleasant Hill Road Open 2-4:30



ALBANY \$479,000
2/1 - Charmer with big country kitchen with new linoleum, new carpeting, hardwood floors in living room, fireplace, large side yard plus deck, double garage. Albany schools!
601 Kains Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$719,000
4/2.5 - 3 level, 17-year young sophisticated cedar shingle with light, spacious rooms, hardwood floors on the upper living areas, dining room with vaulted ceiling and filtered views.
1530 Olympus Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$898,000
3+/2 - Handsome, Tudor style home in the North Berkeley hills, situated on a double lot surrounded by beautiful vegetation with Bay views. Extra space in the lower level.
486 Michigan Avenue Open 2-4:30



OAKLAND - NEW LISTING! \$749,000
6-Plex - Four studios and two large 2-bedroom units located in the popular and convenient Adams Point area above Lake Merritt. All units will be vacant at close of escrow.
417 Staten Avenue Open 1-4



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2/1 - Exquisitely remodeled! Granite counter, hardwood floors, everything gleams. Huge yard, garage. More at www.heidiandjerry.com.
1004 Stannage Avenue Open 2-4



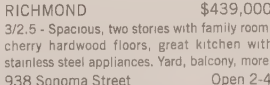
EL CERRITO \$729,000
5+/4 - Large home below street level with big views of the Bay & SF. Kensington schools. 2 fireplaces, maid's kitchen, 2nd entrance, more.
801 Arlington Avenue Open 2-4



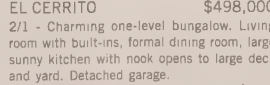
BERKELEY \$749,000
4/3 - Berkeley Hills Traditional with SF & GG views. Living room with vaulted ceiling, formal dining room. Master suite, deck and view.
1111 Grizzly Peak Boulevard Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$616,000
2/1 - New everything! Exceptional artistic attention to elegance and quality in every detail. Sensory feast of color & materials. Magical garden!
1000 Glendora Avenue Open 2-5



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938 Sonoma Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO \$498,000
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809 Everett Street Open 2-4

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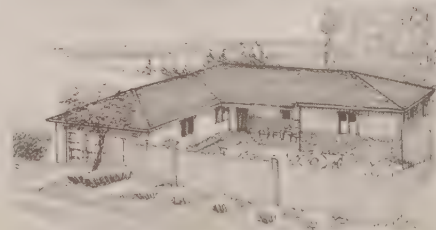
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OPEN SUNDAY



903 44th Street

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Open Sunday 1-4



2517 Tamalpais Ave., El Cerrito

Stunning location, privacy, elegance and original detail can be found in this updated four bedroom, three bath classic Mira Vista home. The large formal dining room is perfect for entertaining, the master suite with fireplace is a retreat, the granite and tile kitchen is a joy to work in. A most convenient location to shopping, schools and BART.

\$839,000

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Redwood Heights
 3700 Monterey Blvd., Oakland


Charming, light-filled home featuring an open living area that flows beautifully. Period detailing throughout, formal dining room hardwood floors, fireplace and lovely remodeled kitchen. 3 bedrooms and 1 1/2 baths. Private level out yard with deck.

Offered at \$585,000
Open Sunday 2-5

Claudia Bowman
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NEW LISTING



Adams Point
 233 Orange Street

180° views from inside & out. Soaring ceiling 2/2 updated kitchen & baths w/ granite & tile expansive deck runs the length of the living/dining room. Full size washer/dryer, wood floor in entry & kitchen. Dual pane windows, security, elevator open into unit, 2 parking spaces in security garage convenient location.

Offered at \$399,000

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House hunting this weekend? Turn to Hills Newspapers Real Estate & Home section first.



Open Sunday
2-4:30 pm

Montclair
12025 Broadway Terrace

2 bedrooms 1 bathroom. Cottage needs everything. Major fixer on 12000 + Sq. Ft. lot with exceptional views of the city and Golden Gate.

Offered at \$689,000

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OPEN SUNDAY



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1-4:30 pm

3714 High Street

Sweet Bungalow in the Upper Laurel District. Two bedrooms, one bathroom. Hardwood floors, new deck, front and back yards. Large eat-in kitchen. Peek of the Bay & San Francisco city lights. Close to shopping and transportation.

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OAKLAND
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SUNDAY
Oct. 17



1-5 PM

NEW LISTING!!
3287 Madeline St.
Charming Split Level

Located in the desirable Laurel district, this well kept and updated home will really WOW you! Features two bedrooms and a living room with fireplace, dining area, wood floors, large updated kitchen with granite counters and refaced cabinets. Downstairs features additional room and half bath that works great as office, exercise room and tv space. There's an attached garage and a great level backyard and patio. What a special place to call home!

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Tour at www.donnaconroy.com



JUST LISTED



Open Sunday
1-5 pm

4329 Bermuda Ave.

This very cute three bedroom, one bath home is located in a quiet and convenient Redwood Heights neighborhood. The updated kitchen looks out over a pleasant front yard and the living/dining area opens onto a level, private backyard with built-in BBQ and adjacent garden area—perfect for outdoor entertaining and fun in the sun! With an updated bathroom, decorator interior colors, and a convenient floorplan, this house has it all!

Offered at \$525,000



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Berkeley \$7,250,000
Mansion. 9 BR 4.5 BA This home is on the California Historical Registry. The estate includes second floor w/ 3BR/3BA, 2 guest cottages & tennis court.
Barbara Marienthal
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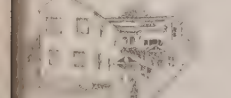
Piedmont \$2,750,000
Wildwood Gardens
Living & private in prime location. Remodeled kitchen, family rm, 3 bedrooms, study.
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Oakland \$1,850,000
Dramatic, Artistic home! 4 BR 3.5 BA open flr plan, gran cnts, quality materials & craftsmanship used. 3 lvs bay views.
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San Francisco \$1,299,000
Well maintained "SF style" flats are rich with original details. Close to Piedmont Ave.
Patricia "Noni" Robinson
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San Cerrito \$895,000
3 BR 3 BA Enjoy bay views from this renovated, light filled Mediterranean. New pair, gar, yrd.
Barbara Marienthal
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Upper Glenview \$895,000
Stunning 5/3+ elegant flr rm, library, updated kitchen, au pair, lovely arch entry & yd.
Dan Diamantini
510.339.4700

OPEN HOUSES



Piedmont \$2,450,000
43 Farragut Ave. Sun 2 - 5
5 BR 4.5 BA Dramatic contemporary on one of Piedmont's finest streets spacious interiors light & open.
Karen Lum & Ellen Lancaster
510.339.4700

Claremont Hills \$2,250,000
399 Gravatt Dr. Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 4.5 BA Phil Perkins design beautiful new construction, gourmet kit., level court yard great master
David Eckert
510.339.4700



Piedmont \$1,885,000
26 Littlewood Drive Sun 2 - 4:30
Prime 5+ bedrm 4 ba contemporary. Main living on 1 level. Extensively remodeled, au pair.
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Crocker Highlands \$1,550,000
1079 Ashmount Ave Sun 2 - 4:30
4 BR 3 BA Fabulous with private park-like yard, tastefully renovated, light-filled, Old World Charm.
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Upper Rockridge \$1,350,000
264 Sheridan Rd. Sun 2 - 4:30
6 BR 4 BA Fantastic house w/ flexible spaces. Mstr BR w/ den & 2-way FP. 2 jr suites, Fam rm & more!
Nancy Dickey
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OPEN HOUSES

Piedmont Side of Montclair \$1,190,000
Sun 2 - 5
5801 Harbord Dr.
4 BR 3 BA English Country Redone top to bottom! Ultra Gourmet kit new mstr wing. Lvl yd bridge view
Judy Ackerman
510.339.4700

Oakmore (Upper) \$1,055,000
Sun 1 - 5
1980 Rosecrest
4 BR 3 BA Fab. Architecture-mid century modern w/Den & office. Great decks for indoor/outdoor living
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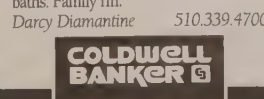
Oakland Hills \$998,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
4700 Shetland
4 BR 4.5 BA Huge price reduction same great house New constr. Fab quality gourmet kit lavish mstr suite
David Eckert & Jeff Thomas
510.339.4700

Piedmont \$995,000
Sun 1 - 4
30 Echo Lane@Maxwellton
3+ BR 3BA, bonus & fam rms, fabulous bay view Contemporary! Lovely meditative wooded garden retreat.
Vicky Faulk
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Montclair \$875,000
Sun 2 - 5
6641 Woodland Pl
2 BR 2 BA Big Bay View! 1 level living! HWF, FP, 2 car garage, lawn/fruit trees.
Ruby Ng & Peter Nicolopoulos
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Montclair \$715,000
Sun 2 - 5
1736 Gouldin Road
2+ BR 2 BA Spacious & light filled w/ open floor plan. Updated kitchen & baths. Family rm.
Darcy Diamantine
510.339.4700



OPEN HOUSES

Montclair \$689,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
12025 Broadway Terr.
2 BR 1 BA This Cottage needs everything. Major fixer, w/ exceptional views of S.F. & Golden Gate.
Becky Andersen
510.339.4700

El Sobrante \$675,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
221 Pamela Ct.
4 BR 3 BA Features include 2 frplcs, pool, 1BR/1BA Au-Pair w/frplc, 2-car gar, fruit trees & VIEWS!
Gregg P. Lustig
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Oakland \$595,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
903 44Th St.
Near Oak/Emeryville border. Vacant 3+BR upper, lower 2BR tenant-occupied. New appliances.
Lydia Nayo
510.339.4700

Redwood Heights \$585,000
Sun 2 - 5
3700 Monterey Blvd.
3 BR 1.5 BA Light-filled w/ remodel kit, hardwood flrs, frpl, formal dining rm. period details level yard
Claudia Bowman & Preston Grant
510.339.4700



Laurel \$569,000
Sun 1 - 5
3287 Madeline
2 BR 1.5 BA New listing! Pride of Ownership! Updated kit & bath. Split level, w/level patio, yd rec rm
Donna Conroy & Jeffrey Neideman
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Redwood Heights \$525,000
Sun 1 - 5
4329 Bermuda Ave.
Sunny, cute 3 bdrm/1 ba, in quiet Rdwd Hgths. Great level bckyard, BBQ, updid Kit. and Ba.
Karyn Miller
510.339.4700

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Laurel \$499,000
Sun 2 - 5
3759 Silverwood Ave.
2 BR 1 BA Gracious 40s style, 1 level w/ creekside setting. Move right in & start out or scale back
Rachel Baller
510.339.4700

Redwood Heights \$439,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
4242 Mountain Blvd.
2 BR 1 BA Light/bright Bungalow frm dining rm eat-in-kitchen hwd flrs. yards/patio sweet condition!
Terry Anthony
510.339.4700

Laurel \$439,000
Sun 1 - 4:30
3714 High St.
2 BR 1 BA Sweet Bungalow fireplace, hardwood floors, new deck lg eat-in kit. Yards peek of the Bay.
Victor Ratto
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Adams Point \$399,000
Sun 2 - 4:30
233 Orange Street
2 BR 2 BA Penthouse 180 degree views inside & out soaring ceiling & expansive deck.
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LOTS

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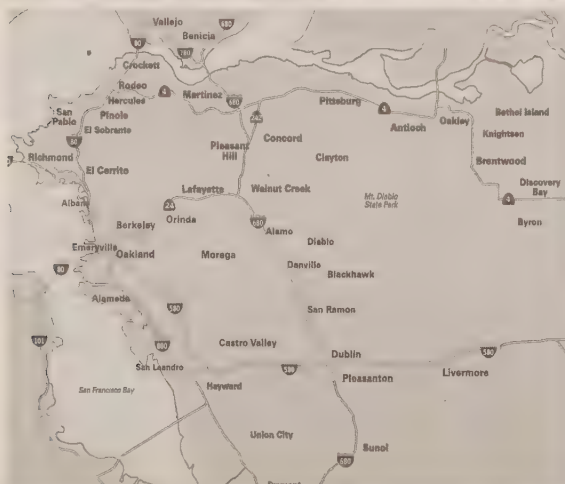
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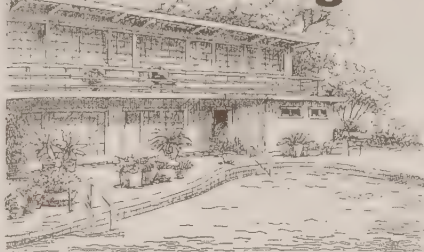


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\$387,000	965 Shorepoint #208	2BD/2BA	\$648,000	110 Ironwood Rd.	4BD/2 1/2 BA
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\$425,000	1825 Elm St.	2+BD/1BA	\$659,000	1230 College Ave	3BD/2BA
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Sun 2-4		510-814-4826	Harbor Bay Realty		510-814-4895
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\$475,000	1802 3rd St.	3BD/2BA	\$683,000	721 Santa Clara Ave	3BD/2BA
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\$538,500	1042 Melrose Ave	4BD/2.5BA	\$699,000	118 Roxbury Lane	3BD/2BA
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\$549,000	1028 Peach St.	2BD/1BA	\$725,000	1402 High St	5BD/3BA
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\$559,000	401 Baywood Road	3BD/2BA	\$734,950	2134 Alameda Ave	4+BD/2BA
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Harbor Bay Realty		Nancy Mach	Harbor Bay Realty		Marilyn Schumacher
\$565,000	1400 Sherman Street	3BD/2.5BA	\$769,000	172 Purcell Dr.	3BD/2.5BA
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\$575,000	121 Ironwood Rd	3BD/2.5BA	\$775,000	2149 Lincoln Ave	5+BD/4BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1164	Sat & Sun 2-4		510-917-1617/865-2776
Gallagher & Lindsey		Justine Francis	Gallagher & Lindsey		Bill & Griseida
\$575,000	2410 Otis Drive	3BD/2BA	\$775,000	3335 Liberty Ave	3BD/2BA
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MPG Properties		Maggie Graney, Agent	Hill & Co.		Dona Fuller
\$579,000	102 Lagunaria Lane	3BD/2BA	\$779,000	35 Steuben Bay	3BD/2.5BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4874	Sun 2-4		510-814-4823
Harbor Bay Realty		Mark Playsted	Harbor Bay Realty		Nancy Brandt
\$587,000	213 Baywood Road	3BD/2.5BA	\$869,000	2865 Santa Clara Ave	5BD/2BA
Sun 2-4		510-814-4847	Sat 2:30-4:30/Sun 2-4:30		510-814-4832
Harbor Bay Realty		Chuck Bianchi	Harbor Bay Realty		Dania Alvarez-Morroni
\$595,000	1101 Court St	3BD/2BA	\$869,000	2865 Santa Clara Ave	5BD/2BA
Sun 2-4		510-813-1362	Sat 2:30-4:30/Sun 2-4:30		510-814-4832
Centennial Real Estate		Nick Caporali	Harbor Bay Realty		Dania Alvarez-Morroni
\$599,000	1341 Weber St.	3+BD/2BA	\$900,000	1850 Kofman Parkway	5BD/3BA
Sun 2-4:30pm		510-339-9290	Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4848
Prudential		Gene Berner	Harbor Bay Realty		Ringo Liu
\$599,000	13 Invincible Court	3BD/3BA	\$925,000	1309 Weber St	4BD/1.5BA
Sun 2-4		510-531-2274	Sun 2-4		510-301-5749
Kane & Associates		Wendy Sanda	Gallagher & Lindsey		Kathy Ghiselli
\$615,000	1283 Weber St.	2BD/2BA	\$999,000	20 Moss Pointe	4BD/3BA
Sun 2-4		510-748-5300	Sat & Sun 2-4		510-814-4858/814-4846
Homes-Link Real Estate			Harbor Bay Realty		Brooke Abbasi/Janice Payne

Alameda			Albany		
\$1,050,000	3259 Fernside Blvd	4BD/2BA	\$479,000	601 Kains	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4		510-769-1606	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-334-6007
Bickley Real Estate		John Bickley	Red Oak Realty		Tom Cone
\$1,198,800	1133 Regent St	3BD/2BA	\$549,000	1004 Stannage	2BD/1BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-521-2528	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-835-6238
Kane & Associates		Agnes Wu	Red Oak Realty		The Longs
\$1,250,000	1218 Sherman St.	4BD/3BA	\$549,000	910 Pomona Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 12-4		415-441-0967	Open Sun 2-5pm		510-280-2187
Reynolds and Associates		Dan Reynolds	Red Oak Realty		Nedda Cheung
\$590,000	907 Pierce St.	3BD/2BA	\$590,000	907 Pierce St.	3BD/2BA
Sat 2-4 Sun 1-5		510-869-5046	Sat 2-4 Sun 1-5		510-869-5046
Prudential		Kathleen Wilson	Prudential		Kathleen Wilson
\$595,000	730 Pomona Ave	2BD/1BA	\$595,000	730 Pomona Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2939	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2939
Marvin Gardens		Mary & Mykah	Marvin Gardens		Mary & Mykah
\$599,000	705 Curtis St.	2+BD/1BA	\$599,000	705 Curtis St.	2+BD/1BA
Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.		Carolyn Jones	The Grubb Co.		Carolyn Jones
\$649,000	1102 Neilson St.	5BD/3BA	\$649,000	1102 Neilson St.	5BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-526-4336	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-526-4336
Northbrae Properties		Anita Thede	Northbrae Properties		Anita Thede
\$699,500	928 Carmel Ave.	3BD/2BA	\$699,500	928 Carmel Ave.	3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400	Sun 2-4:30		510-339-0400
The Grubb Co.		Chris Cohn	The Grubb Co.		Chris Cohn
\$349,000	300 1/2 Delaware St	2BD/1BA	\$349,000	300 1/2 Delaware St	2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4pm		510-526-4336	Sun 2-4pm		510-526-4336
Northbrae Properties		Anita Thede	Northbrae Properties		Anita Thede
\$364,000	1730 Highland Pl. #1	1BD/1BA	\$364,000	1730 Highland Pl. #1	1BD/1BA
Sun 2-4pm		510-524-9888 x12	Sun 2-4pm		510-524-9888 x12
Berkeley Hills Realty		Joan Brunswick	Berkeley Hills Realty		Joan Brunswick
\$369,000	1726 B' Hearst	2BD/1BA	\$369,000	1726 B' Hearst	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-5pm		510-420-1963	Open Sun 1-5pm		510-420-1963
RE/MAX		Bill Grimsom	RE/MAX		Bill Grimsom
\$375,000	1444 Campus Dr.	2BD/1BA	\$375,000	1444 Campus Dr.	2BD/1BA
Sun 12-12		510-868-1481	Sun 12-12		510-868-1481
Prudential		Candice/David	Prudential		Candice/David
\$388,000	3108 Mabel St.	2BD/1BA	\$388,000	3108 Mabel St.	2BD/1BA
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1172	Sat & Sun 2-4		510-748-1172
Gallagher & Lindsey		Earnest Johnson	Gallagher & Lindsey		Earnest Johnson
\$399,000	2600 Ashby Ave #3	1BD/1BA	\$399,000	2600 Ashby Ave #3	1BD/1BA
Sun 2-4pm		510-848-1950 x240	Sun 2-4pm		510-848-1950 x240
Thornwall Properties		Colleen Larkin	Thornwall Properties		Colleen Larkin
\$415,000	1726 Hearst	1BD/1BA	\$415,000	1726 Hearst	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-5pm		510-420-1963	Open Sun 1-5pm		510-420-1963
RE/MAX		Bill Grimsom	RE/MAX		Bill Grimsom
\$419,000	1726 A' Hearst	1BD/1BA	\$419,000	1726 A' Hearst	1BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-5pm		510-420-1963	Open Sun 1-5pm		510-420-1963
RE/MAX		Bill Grimsom	RE/MAX		Bill Grimsom
\$448,000	1668 Euclid	3+BD/2BA	\$448,000	1668 Euclid	3+BD/2BA
Sun 2-4pm		510-524-9888 x23	Sun 2-4pm		510-524-9888 x23
Berkeley Hills Realty		Jane Allen	Berkeley Hills Realty		Jane Allen
\$450,000	1078 Keith Ave	2BD/1BA	\$450,000	1078 Keith Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 1-4pm		707-297-0550	Open Sun 1-4pm		707-297-0550
Help-U-Sell Berkeley Properties		Broker	Help-U-Sell Berkeley Properties		Broker
\$559,000	1624 Capistrano Ave.	2+BD/1BA	\$559,000	1624 Capistrano Ave.	2+BD/1BA
Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133	Sun 2-4:30		510-652-2133
The Grubb Co.		Diane Verducci	The Grubb Co.		Diane Verducci
\$559,000	2320 8th Street	3BD/1.5BA	\$559,000	2320 8th Street	3BD/1.5BA
Sun 2-5pm		510-868-1400	Sun 2-5pm		510-868-1400
Prudential		Candice/David	Prudential		Candice/David
\$589,000	1246 Monterey Ave	3BD/2BA	\$589,000	1246 Monterey Ave	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4		415-717-5008	Open Sun 2-4		415-717-5008
US Continental Realty		Tat Cheung	US Continental Realty		Tat Cheung
\$599,000	1336 Hearst Ave	2BD/1BA	\$599,000	1336 Hearst Ave	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2906	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-559-2906
Marvin Gardens		Marni Fischer	Marvin Gardens		Marni Fischer
\$599,000	2709 10th St.	1BD/1	\$599,000	2709 10th St.	1BD/1
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-527-2700 x 27	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-527-2700 x 27
Marvin Gardens		Ann Arriola	Marvin Gardens		Ann Arriola
\$599,000	937 Creston Rd	2BD/1BA	\$599,000	937 Creston Rd	2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-527-8822	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-527-8822
Millstein & Associates		Gene Millstein	Millstein & Associates		Gene Millstein
\$719,000	1530 Olympus	4BD/2.5BA	\$719,000	1530 Olympus	4BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-292-2152	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-292-2152
Red Oak Realty		Dana Cordello	Red Oak Realty		Dana Cordello

Berkeley			Berkeley		
\$725,000	2113 Woolsey St	5BD/2BA	\$725,000	2113 Woolsey St	5BD/2BA
OPEN Sun. 1-4		925-705-1721	OPEN Sun. 1-4		925-705-1721
Phoenix Rising Realty		Terry Mc Cracken, Agt.	Phoenix Rising Realty		Terry Mc Cracken, Agt.
\$749,000	1111 Grizzly Peak	4BD/3BA	\$749,000	1111 Grizzly Peak	4BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4pm		510-292-2011	Open Sun 2-4pm		510-292-2011
Red Oak Realty		Tim Cassidy	Red Oak Realty		Tim Cassidy
\$825,000	1438 Grant St.	3BD/1BA	\$825,000	1438 Grant St.	3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1339	Open Sun 2-4:30		510-338-1339
Pacific Union GMAC R.E.		Gini Erck	Pacific Union GMAC R.E.		Gini Erck
\$825,000	2808 Grant Street	Triplex	\$825,000	2808 Grant Street	Triplex
Open Sun 1-4pm		707-297-0550	Open Sun 1-4pm		707-297-0550
Help-U-Sell Berkeley Properties		Broker	Help-U-Sell Berkeley Properties		Broker
\$879,000	743 Spruce St.	4BD/2.5BA	\$879,000	743 Spruce St.	4BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-5pm		510-339-9290	Sun 2-5pm		510-339-9290
Prudential		Lisa Friedman	Prudential		Lisa Friedman
\$898,000	486 Michigan Ave	3+BD/2BA	\$898,000	486 Michigan Ave	3+BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-292-2014	Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-292-2014
Red Oak Realty		Stacey Merryman	Red Oak Realty		Stacey Merryman
\$1,085,000	69 San Mateo	4+BD/3+BA	\$1,085,000	69 San Mateo	4+BD/3+BA
Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-280-2177	Open Sun 2-4:30pm		510-280-2177
Red Oak Realty		Merritt Levine	Red Oak Realty		Merritt Levine
\$1,095,000	1 Park Gate	3BD/2BA	\$1,095,000	1 Park Gate	3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-5pm		510-280-2152	Open Sun 2-5pm		510-280-2152
Red Oak Realty		Virginia Jones	Red Oak Realty		Virginia Jones
\$1,280,000	6919 Bristol Dr.	4BD/4BA	\$1,280,000	6919 Bristol Dr.	4BD/4BA
Sun 2-4		510-508-6000	Sun 2-4		510-508-6000
Kane & Associates		John Yung	Kane & Associates		John Yung
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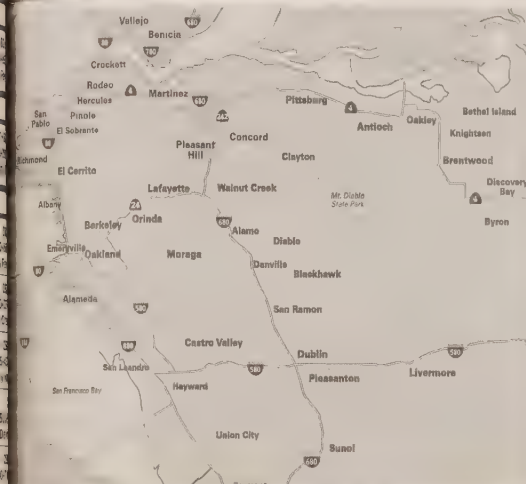
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\$600,000 Open Sun 2-5 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	3052 Delaware St. Laurel	4BD/2BA 510-338-1354 Jennie A. Flanigan		\$569,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	3165 Jordan Road Redwood Heights Montclair Better Homes	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-6566 Maria Sinclair	
\$600,000 Tue 4-30 W & S Bennett	5420 Princeton Duplex	-BD/-BA 510-531-7006 x295 Heidi Kearsley		\$569,000 Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker	3287 Madeline Laurel Donna Conroy/Jeffrey Neidelman	2BD/1.5BA 510-339-4700	
\$600,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	3954 Canon Ave. Diamond Heights	2BD/2BA 510-338-1347 Rich Gould		\$575,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	38 Conrad Court Mountain View Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	2BD/1.5BA 510-338-1351 Michelle Vasey	
\$550,000 Tue 4-30pm Montclair Better Homes	907 21st Street New China	4BD/2BA 510-406-4244 Rosemary Greene		\$575,000 Open Sun 1-4 Security Pacific	4021 Maybelle Security Pacific	3BD/2BA 510-333-3411 Jamie Lake	
\$550,000 Tue 4-30 W & S Bennett	2757 Rawson Maxwell Park	3BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x228 Kate Phillips		\$575,000 Open Sun 1-4pm Help-U-Sell Berkeley Properties	4349 Anderson Redwood Heights Help-U-Sell Berkeley Properties	2BD/1.8BA 707-297-0505 Brokers	
\$530,000 Tue 4-4pm Marshall Properties	4024 Maple Laurel	2BD/1BA 510-848-1950 x212 Mary Canavan		\$585,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	3700 Monterey Blvd. Redwood Heights Claudia Bowman & Preston Grant	3BD/1.5BA 510-339-4700	
\$500,000 Tue 4-30 Central CA Realty	4627 Brookdale Ave Maxwell Park	3BD/2BA 510-866-9458 Allison Austin		\$589,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett	4020 La Cresta Glenview Wells & Bennett	2BD/1.8BA 510-531-7000 x240 Chris Christensen	
\$499,000 Open Sun 2-5pm Pacific Union	2615 Kingsland Ave Maxwell Park	4BD/2BA 510-452-6126 Deb Graceffa		\$595,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	903 44th St. Duplex Coldwell Banker	-BD/-BA 510-339-4700 Lydia Naylor	
\$499,000 Tue 4-30pm Montclair Better Homes	1930 55th Ave duplex	510-376-4953 Lila Owens		\$599,000 Sun 1-5pm Montclair Better Homes	32 Keswick Court Piedmont Pines Michael Thompson	2BD/1.8BA 510-339-5777	
\$499,000 Tue 4-5 Coldwell Banker	3759 Silverwood Ave. Laurel	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Rachel Baller		\$599,000 Sun 2-5 C21 Heritage	4109 Terrace St Piedmont Lois Johnson	2BD/1.8BA 510-339-8900 x220	
\$430,000 Tue 4-30pm Marvin Gardens	2457 Carmel Marvin Gardens	2BD/1BA 510-527-2700 x25 Sue Nelson		\$616,000 Open Sun 2-5pm Red Oak Realty	1000 Glendora Redwood Heights Diane Ohlsson	2BD/1.8BA 510-280-2133	
\$410,000 Sun 2-4 Maglyder & Lindsey	6622 Sunnymere Ave Berkeley	3BD/2BA 510-301-4004 Jim Nations		\$619,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	6070 Thornhill Dr. Morcain Rd Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	2+BD/2.8BA 510-338-1300 Nancy Moore	
\$350,000 Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker	4329 Bermuda Ave Redwood Heights	3BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Karyn Miller		\$625,000 Sun 2-4 Gallagher & Lindsey	800 McKinley Upper Rockridge Darlene Gardner	4+BD/2.5BA 510-748-1100	
\$250,000 Open Sun 2-4 Oak Realty	1333 Holman Oak Realty	2+BD/1BA 510-280-2184 Sharon McFarland		\$649,000 Sun 2-4:30 C21 Heritage	120 Alta Rd. Upper Rockridge Mark Miller	4BD/2.5BA 510-551-5835	
\$250,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Oak Realty	1333 Holman Oak Realty	2+BD/1BA 510-280-2184 Sharon McFarland		\$649,000 Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Realty	2500 Stockbridge Dr. Better Homes Realty Roger Peiser	4BD/3BA 925-934-3741	
\$250,000 Tue 4-5pm Potential	337 49th St. Tamesal	3BD/1BA 510-865-1554 Anita Becker		\$649,000 Sun 2-4pm Maison Nouveau	2521 Leimert Blvd Rockridge Annalise Demut	2+BD/1.5BA 510-814-4821	
\$450,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	37 Ironwood Sequoyah Heights	3BD/2BA 510-338-1310 Robyn Mohr		\$649,000 Sun 2-4pm Maison Nouveau	321 Hudson St. Rockridge Maison Nouveau	2BD/1.8BA 510-849-9900	
\$400,000 Sun 2-4pm Potential	4445 Moraga Ave Piedmont Border	3BD/2BA 510-845-0211 Steve Ryan		\$649,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	3422 Jordan Rd. Redwood Heights Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	3BD/1.5BA 510-338-1351 Chuck Corwin	
\$400,000 Tue 4-30pm Potential	5736-5738 Ayala Ave Rockridge Border	2BD/1BA 510-339-9290 Bill Bore		\$649,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Maison Nouveau	3867 Enos Ave Laurel District Todd Finn	5BD/3BA 510-849-9900	
\$430,000 Tue 4-4 Maglyder & Lindsey	4509 Moraga Ave Berkeley	3BD/2BA 510-919-5973 Renate Kolmann		\$649,749 Open Sun 1-4pm Red Oak Realty	415 Staten Ave Yonkers Josh Levine	4+BD/1+BA 510-280-2135	

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\$650,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	5701 Harbord Dr. Montclair	3BD/2BA 510-339-9290 Janet Flint
\$665,000 Sat & Sun 1-5 Lotz & Assoc.	6670 Colton Place	2bd/2ba 510-886-5835
\$675,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	6404 Broadway Terrace Upper Rockridge	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Ed Kuc
\$679,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	6948 Ridgewood Dr Montclair	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Katie S. Harmon
\$689,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	12025 Broadway Terr. Montclair	2BD/1BA 510-339-4700 Becky Anderson
\$695,000 Sun 2-5pm Prudential	4138 Rettig Ave Redwood Heights	4+BD/2.5BA 510-206-0711 Rita Harrington
\$699,000 Open Sun 2-5 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	13056 Parkhurst Parkridge Estates	3BD/2BA 510-338-1334 Vicki Woodhead
\$699,000 Sun 2-4:30pm La Maison Real Estate	4081 Waterhouse Rd Oakmore	3BD/2+BA 510-526-5720 Monica Rohrer
\$699,000 Sun1-5pm Montclair Better Homes	5838 Amy Drive Upper Rockridge	2BD/1BA 510-339-5775 Michael Thompson
\$699,000 Open Sun 2-5pm Prudential	584 Valle Vista	3BD/2BA 510-834-2010 John F. Bel
\$699,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	7403 Skyline Blvd Montclair	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-5555 Nahid Nassiri
\$715,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	1736 Gouldin Rd. Montclair	2+BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Darcy Diamantini
\$719,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett	5921 Taft Ave. Rockridge	3BD/1BA 510-531-7000 x25 Nancy Novick
\$719,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	6778 Paso Robles Dr Montclair	3+BD/2BA 510-338-1331 Ann Nichols
\$739,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	4410 Arcadia Ave Oakmore	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-4561 Martha Shinn
\$749,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	8946 Sage Road Sequoyah Hills	4BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Dana Cohen
\$779,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1254 Holman Road CrockerHighlands	3BD/2.5BA 510-652-2133 Debbi DiMaggio
\$799,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	2833 Chelsea Drive Piedmont Pines	4+BD/2+1/2BA 510-339-0400 Jill Carrigan
\$799,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	5830 Clover Rockridge	3BD/2BA 510-956-9555 Julie Lehman
\$825,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	6788 Armour Drive Montclair	3+BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Sheila Gallagher
\$849,500 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	379 60th Street Rockridge	3+BD/1.5BA 510-339-0400 Chris Cohen
\$850,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	531 Valle Vista Avenue Grand Lake	2+BD/2+BA 510-652-2133 Ronald Egherman
\$875,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	6641 Woodland Pl. Montclair	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Ruby Ng & Peter Nicolopoulos
\$895,000 Open 1:30-4:30 Schindler Associates	1989 Oakview Dr Oakmore	5bd/3b 510-836-9500
\$895,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett	430 Orange St. Adams Point	3BD/3BA 510-531-7000 x29 Carol Robbani
\$899,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 By Owners Rep	6038 Skyline Blvd Montclair Hills	3BD/3BA 510-830-7970 Anne Koenig
\$969,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Montclair Better Homes	1767 Indian Way Montclair	4+BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700 Nahid Nassiri
\$985,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	4857 Proctor Ave Rockridge (Upper)	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 Katie O'Shea
\$998,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	4700 Shetland Oakland Hills	4BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700 David Eckert & Jeff Thomas
\$1,055,000 Sun 1-5 Coldwell Banker	1980 Rosecrest Upper Oakmore	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Donna Conroy & Karyn Miller

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\$1,190,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	5801 Harbord Dr. Piedmont/Montclair	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Judy Ackerman
\$1,199,000 By Appt Prudential	6167 Ocean View Dr Claremont Pines	4BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 Heidi Marchesotti
\$1,275,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Lawton Associates	5329 Broadway Rockridge	4+BD/2+BA 510-547-5970 x55 Ron Kriss
\$1,295,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	6053 Skyline Boulevard Montclair	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Erika Celestre
\$1,298,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	6801 Colton Blvd Montclair	4+BD/3BA 510-339-9930 Heidi Marchesotti
\$1,349,000 Sun 2-5 C21 Heritage	7955 Skyline Blvd. Montclair	4BD/3BA 510-339-8900 x235 Heather Gonzalez
\$1,350,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	264 Sheridan Rd. Upper Rockridge	6BD/4BA 510-339-4700 Nancy Dickey
\$1,375,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett	6837 Elverton Dr. Montclair	4BD/3BA 510-531-7000 x262 Teri L. Lester
\$1,399,000 Sun 2-4:30 Wells & Bennett	6793 Armour Dr. Montclair	3BD/2.5BA 510-531-7000 x251 Mary Nerben
\$1,550,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	1079 Ashmount Ave. Crocker Highlands Dian Hymmer & Joan Duffield	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700
\$2,095,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	1015 Grand View Dr. Claremont Hills	5BD/4.5BA 510-339-0400 Michael Friedman
\$2,250,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	399 Gravatt Dr. Claremont Hills	4BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700 David Eckert
\$2,395,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Prudential	5896 Grizzley Peak Montclair	4+BD/2.5BA 510-339-9290 Heidi Marchesotti
Piedmont		
\$799,000 Sun 2-4:30pm Berkeley Hills Realty	191 Oak Rd Claremont Hills	3+BD/2BA 510-524-9888 x21 Barbara Conheim
\$995,000 Sun 1-4 Coldwell Banker	30 Echo Ln. Piedmont	3+BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Vicky Faulkner
\$995,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	60 Manor Dr. Piedmont	3+BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Anne Fester
\$1,595,000 Open Sun 2-4:30 Pacific Union GMAC R.E.	101 Regua Rd. Piedmont	3BD/3BA 510-338-1381 Dana Dworin
\$1,885,000 Sun 2-4:30 Coldwell Banker	26 Littlewood Dr. Piedmont	5+BD/4BA 510-339-4700 Dian Hyman
\$1,925,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	27 Muir Ave. Piedmont	4BD/-BA 510-339-0400 Elizabeth Dickson
\$2,450,000 Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker	43 Farragut Ave. Piedmont	5BD/4.5BA 510-339-4700 Karen Lum & Ellen Lancaster

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\$2,475,000 Sun 2-4:30 The Grubb Co.	21 Lasalle Ave	3+BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Sean Simmons
Point Richmond		
\$525,000 Open Sun 2-4pm Point Realty	404 West Richmond Ave	3BD/2BA 510-215-2807 Karen Kittle
Richmond		
\$289,500 Open Sun 2-4:30pm Coldwell Banker Bartels	1529 Laurel Ave	1BD/1BA 510-303-8245 Sil Addego
\$319,000 Open Sun 1-4 Security Pacific	643 39th	1BD/1BA 510-303-7113 Ken Rogan
\$395,000 Sun 1-4 Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes	3944 Potrero Ave El Cerrito border	4BD/2BA 510-205-4785 John Chang
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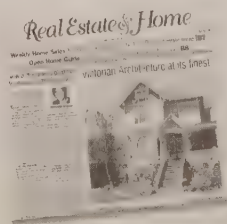
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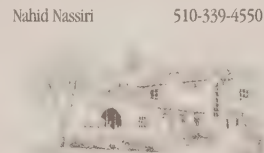
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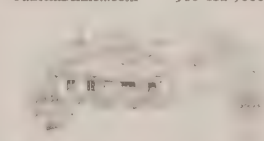
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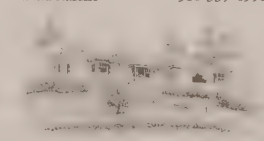
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Washington puts finishing touch on St. Mary's rally

Defense comes up big in the final minute as the Gauchos hold off the Dons

By Mike Wood
STAFF WRITER

Washington scored on a interception return with left to seal St. Mary's High School football team's 22-14 comeback victory over the Gauchos on Saturday. The host Panthers (1-4) trailed heading into the fourth quarter but were poised to tie the

game with 6:08 left after quarterback Scott Tully hit David Pezzola for a 4-yard scoring pass. St. Mary's lined for a point-after kick attempt, but holder Tully instead rolled out and passed to Jason Holloway, who used every bit of his 6-foot-2 frame to bring down the ball for a 15-14 lead.

American (1-4) was threatening on the ensuing drive behind workhorse running back Kyle Anderson, who carried the ball 32 times for 95 yards and a touchdown.

On fourth-and-five with the

FOOTBALL ROUNDPUP

ball on the Panthers' 29, Eagles quarterback Stephen Vantor tried a swing pass to Brandon Nicolas. Washington stepped in to pick off the underthrown pass. With a block from teammate Nick Safir, the defensive back raced down the left sideline for the clincher.

Washington said the catch helped erase memories of his early-third quarter fumble that led to the Eagles' second score.

"I had to do something to get some points for us," he said. "It feels real good to be able to do something like that."

Tully was 13-of-21 passing for 164 yards and one touchdown. Pezzola had a game-high six catches for 79 yards. Donell Gaines had 78 yards on 12 carries and a 1-yard touchdown run for St. Mary's.

El Cerrito 15, De Anza 13: With 47 seconds remaining in their game Friday, the Gauchos held a two-point lead over visiting De Anza and needed a big

stop by its defense.

The Gauchos got it.

El Cerrito's defense produced two sacks and an interception on the Dons' final drive of the game, preserving the victory in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League action.

"The defense did it for us," El Cerrito coach George Austin said.

De Anza (1-4, 1-1 ACCAL) drove from its 24 to its 49 on its final drive before sacks by El Cerrito linebackers Isiah Townsend and Justin Plair and an interception by Treveon Vick

ended De Anza's final threat.

Dons quarterback DeMario Boyd had moved De Anza to its 49 with a 14-yard run. But Townsend's sack pushed De Anza back 5 yards, and Plair's sack put De Anza back 6 more yards to the De Anza 38 before Vick's interception.

The Dons scored first on a 67-yard run by Rashad Johnson, and a PAT kick by Oscar Mercado made the score 7-0 with 5:35 left in the first quarter. But on the

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AL NOTEBOOK

Swett faces big test at Piedmont

Indians (5-0) hope hard-fighting approach leads to success in league play

By Dave Carpenter
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing fancy about the way the John Swett High School football team won its games this season. "We're a hard-working team," John Angell said. "We stick together."

The blue-collar approach of the Indians has produced a 5-0 league record. But now it gets challenging as the Bay Area Athletic League starts tonight. Swett travels to Piedmont at 7.

The host Highlanders are going off a 2-2-1 nonleague record on the schedule, but Angell is judging a team by its league record can be dangerous.

"It's a tough game as always," Angell said. "Piedmont's always tough. Their team always plays hard. They come after you."

Piedmont played larger roles in four of its five games. In one game it played against smaller school (Salesian), the Highlanders won 33-27. They do get blown out, either. The Highlanders have outscored their opponents 95-87.

The Indians like to pound the ground with their running offense. Last year's running back, Nate Wright, is out because of academic ineligibility, but senior Hernandez and sophomore Taylor have helped carry the load.

Swett is the smallest school in BSAL for football. While Alameda, Kennedy, Piedmont, St. Mary's and St. Patrick are North Coast Section 2A schools, the Indians are in Class A.

Swett finished third in the AL last year with a 3-2 mark. It was 5-0 in nonleague play. It helped the Indians get to Class B playoffs, where they won the second round and ended at 9-3.

Angell said there are no turnovers in the league. That includes Kennedy, which has not had a winning season since 2001. However, the Eagles are 3-2 heading into league play.

"They have great athletes, and when Edwards seems like he's having a great job," Angell said. "They have good kids. They just want to play football."

St. Patrick is 3-2, Albany is 2-2 and last year's champion St. Mary's is 1-4.

If anything, the race for the football title should be interesting.

A LOST SEASON: The Kennedy volleyball team's season ended abruptly this week. BSAL commissioner Phil

Massini confirmed on Tuesday that not only did Kennedy forfeit a match against St. Joseph's on Oct. 7, but the Eagles no longer have a team.

According to Kennedy athletic director Harry Campbell, it was decided during a league-wide meeting that Kennedy would forfeit losses for the rest of the season. Scheduled opponents will be given wins, which count in the league standings.

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EMILY CARVER (7), Yejide Najee-Ullah (13) and Sonia Globerson-Lamb of Berkeley celebrate after beating Encinal in a match of ACCAL powerhouses.

GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

Yellow Jackets win battle with Jets

■ In four games, none decided by less than three points, Berkeley hands Encinal first ACCAL loss

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The Berkeley High School girls volleyball team showed that it sure knows how to win close games.

It would be hard to find a closer match than the one that occurred Tuesday between host Encinal and Berkeley. The four games were nail-biters and the Yellow Jackets won three of them to prevail 25-22, 26-24, 22-25, 25-22 and keep sole possession of first place in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

"We all came ready to play and we were aggressive," said Berkeley senior middle blocker Tylease Robinson, who had nine kills, six blocks and 10 digs in the match. "Today, we knew what we had to do. We're more focused as we progress in league."

PREP ROUNDPUP

Encinal (6-2, 3-1 ACCAL) took a 2-0 lead to start the first game, but Berkeley's Caitlin Cuan responded with seven straight service points.

"It not only set the tone of the game, it also set the tone on the teams," said Encinal coach Chris Bautista about the run. "They ran their team like a fine machine."

The Jets battled back to tie the score at nine, and the game was close the rest of the way. It was tied at 22 before a kill by Megan Horula started a Berkeley run that won the game.

In game two, the score was tied at 24-all before the Yellow Jackets surged again to win. Encinal had an 18-10 lead in the third game before Berkeley battled back to within one at 23-22 lead in the third game before scoring two points for the win.

Berkeley (10-8, 5-0) took a 23-18 lead in the fourth game during a three-point serving run by

Stephanie Lowe, but Encinal came back to close the gap to two at 24-22 before Berkeley prevailed.

Horula had 12 kills and nine digs for Berkeley. Teammate Katie Shapiro had 14 digs and three kills.

St. Mary's d. St. Patrick: The Panthers received nine kills and five blocks from Natalie Bogan and 11 assists from Aleesha Woodruff in their 25-12, 25-20, 25-12 victory on Oct. 7 over St. Patrick. St. Mary's also received a forfeit win Tuesday over Kennedy and remained tied for first place in the Bay Shore Athletic League with a 7-0 league record.

Albany d. Piedmont: Sacha Dent passed for 25 assists and teammate Azelyn Failor had 14 kills and 32 digs as the Cougars defeated the Highlanders 19-25, 25-23, 25-14, 25-23 on Oct. 7 in BSAL action. Albany also defeated St. Elizabeth 25-13, 25-21, 25-15 on Tuesday and is tied for first place in the BSAL at press time with a 7-0 league mark.



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

YEJIDE NAJEE-ULLAH and Sonia Globerson-Lamb block a spike by Encinal's Bernadette Guitierrez during their match.

Hornets causing turnovers, making a habit of playing stifling defense

■ Encinal's ground attack is more than balanced in its victory over Hercules

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

THE ALAMEDA HIGH SCHOOL football team's defense has been stingy with points all season, and last Friday's 13-10 victory over Pinole Valley was no exception.

Alameda has allowed more than 10 points only two times this season, and no team has scored more than 20 points

ACCAL NOTEBOOK

against the Hornets this year.

"We're just plugging away every week just trying to get better," said Alameda coach Kevin Hennessee. "We're just working real hard as a group."

Alameda (3-2, 1-1 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) opened with a 21-20 victory over Mt. Eden, but then allowed only seven points in a loss to Freedom and shut out Moreau Catholic. De Anza scored all 19 of its points against the Hornets in the second

half of a 19-14 De Anza victory on Oct. 1.

The Hornets have also been adept at causing turnovers. In their two ACCAL games, they have forced eight turnovers (six interceptions, two fumble recoveries).

"I think our defense has a good attitude. We all have an aggressive attitude and we're always confident," said Ramsey Moyer, who had a 98-yard interception return for a touchdown against the Spartans.

"We all swarm to the ball. We go to the whistle," Alameda inside linebacker David Han said.

In the first two ACCAL games, Berkeley has allowed the least total points (19), followed by Pinole Valley (25) and Alameda and De Anza (29).

STAT OF THE WEEK: The Encinal football team had four players rush for 80 yards or more in a 47-31 victory over Hercules. Cyrus Grant led the way for the Jets (142 yards rushing, three touchdowns), followed by quarterback Antoine Young (89 yards, three touchdowns), Breland Hudson (82 yards) and fullback Donovan Brown (80 yards). Hercules' Marc Olivier also had a

fine game with a team-high 137 yards rushing on nine carries, one touchdown rushing and one touchdown reception.

GAME OF THE WEEK: Berkeley football at Pinole Valley, 7 p.m. — The Yellow Jackets (4-1, 2-0 ACCAL) have scored 179 points this season, an average of 35.8 points per game, and have allowed a decreasing number of points each game (83 overall). Their only loss was to undefeated Foothill (21-7). The Spartans (4-1, 1-1) are averaging 29.4 points per game and are allowing only 13.4 points per contest.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Pittsburg	5-0	Pirates continue to lay the smack down, roll Freedom 58-0
2.	De La Salle	1-3-1	Spartans play their best game of the year in 17-14 loss to Mission Viejo
3.	Foothill	5-0	Falcons take it easy on Livermore in 48-0 win
4.	Amador Valley	5-0	Dons get a wild and wooly win against Monte Vista
5.	San Ramon Valley	5-0	Wolves breeze past Granada; gear up for big test against Amador Valley
6.	Skyline	3-2	Titans edged by undefeated Serra-San Mateo 20-13
7.	Monte Vista	3-2	Mustangs can't capitalize on second chance at winning field goal
8.	Clayton Valley	4-1	Stingy Eagles defense shines in 24-15 win over Liberty
9.	Berkeley	4-1	Yellow Jackets pound Richmond 61-7; head to Pinole Valley next
10.	Campolindo	4-1	Cougars QB Graziano averaging over 300 yards passing. Next up: Las Lomas

Others receiving votes: Las Lomas (3-2), Arroyo (5-0), Liberty (3-2). The high school football poll incorporates all East Bay high schools.

Football

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next drive, El Cerrito moved the ball 71 yards into the end zone, capped by a 2-yard run by Blair. A two-point conversion pass from quarterback Don Miguel Tutass to Jonathan Okada gave El Cerrito an 8-7 lead.

El Cerrito (2-3, 1-1) produced another touchdown in the third quarter on a 39-yard drive. Tutass scored on a 1-yard run, and an Erik Dragos PAT kick made the score 15-7.

But with 4:51 in the game, a 56-yard bomb from Boyd to Chance Robinson drew De Anza to within two points. But a two-point conversion run by Cole James was stopped just short of the goal line by the Gauchos defense.

Both sophomore quarterbacks were pretty accurate Friday. Tutass was 10-of-14 for 149 yards. Boyd was 7-of-12 for 127 yards.

Robinson led all rushers with 73 yards. JoEbert Dennis paced El Cerrito with 65 yards rushing.

Benicia 51, Albany 12: Drew Southern and Luuk Sasse finally got Albany's offense on track Friday, but by then the train had long since run over the Cougars. Albany (2-2-1) finished its nonleague competition trying to keep up with the high-scoring Panthers.

Benicia began the game with 10 consecutive running plays. Unable to punch the ball in on the ground, Benicia's Michael McNeece flipped a 3-yard pass to receiver James Wallace to put the home team in front 7-0.

The Panthers began to put the ball up, with excellent results. Twice, McNeece found receiver Ernie Rosario for scoring passes of 50 yards or more. The senior signal caller finished with 201 yards on a 6-for-11 passing night.

Albany did not get its initial first down until 8 minutes were left in the first half. By that time the Cougars were down 23-0, a deficit they took into the halftime locker room.

In the fourth quarter, the Albany passing attack finally started to roll. Southern connected on five of his last six attempts, im-

ST. PATRICK AT ALBANY

■ **WHERE:** Cougar Field, Albany Middle School, 1259 Brighton Ave.
■ **WHEN:** Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
■ **RECORDS:** St. Patrick 3-2, Albany 2-2-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** St. Patrick beat Salesian 49-21, Albany lost to Benicia 51-12.

■ **FACTS:** The Bruins have outscored their opponents 170-117. The Cougars surrendered 453 offensive yards against Benicia.

BERKELEY AT PINOLE VALLEY

■ **WHERE:** Pinole Valley High School, 2900 Pinole Valley Road

■ **WHEN:** Today, 7 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Berkeley 4-1, 2-0 ACCAL; Pinole Valley 4-1, 1-1

■ **LAST WEEK:** Berkeley beat Richmond 61-7, Pinole Valley lost to Alameda 13-10.

■ **FACTS:** Last week, Antione Cokes of the Yellow Jackets returned from a one-game absence because of a back bruise and rushed for 104 yards on just eight carries with three touchdowns. The Spartans allowed all 13 of their points against Alameda in the second quarter.

pressive considering the Benicia defense was keyed on the pass. Twice Southern found receiver Sasse on long completions. The two combined for five receptions good for 105 yards.

Albany avoided the shutout, scoring its first touchdown on the opening play of the fourth quarter on an 18-yard dash by Antwan Alameen. Alameen led all Cougars running backs with 52 yards rushing.

Berkeley 61, Richmond 7: Senior running back Antione Cokes rushed for 104 yards and scored all three of his touchdowns in the first half to lead the host Yellow Jackets (4-1, 2-0 ACCAL) to a rout of Richmond on Friday.

Cokes missed the Yellow Jackets' Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League opener against Her-

KENNEDY AT ST. MARY'S

■ **WHERE:** St. Mary's High School, Alhina Avenue and Hopkins Street, Berkeley

■ **WHEN:** Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** Kennedy 2-3, St. Mary's 1-4

■ **LAST WEEK:** Kennedy beat Fremont-Oakland 20-6, St. Mary's beat American 22-14.

■ **FACTS:** The Panthers have won six of the past seven meetings between the two teams by an average score of 43-6, including last year's 42-0 victory. The last time the Eagles were 500 or better after six games was in 2001 when they opened the year 5-1 and finished 7-3.

EL CERRITO AT HERCULES

■ **WHERE:** Hercules High School, 1900 Refugio Valley Road

■ **WHEN:** Today, 7 p.m.

■ **RECORDS:** El Cerrito 2-3, 1-1 ACCAL; Hercules 2-3, 0-2

■ **LAST WEEK:** El Cerrito beat De Anza 15-13, Hercules lost to Encinal 47-31.

■ **FACTS:** The Gauchos shut out the Titans 32-0 last year. The Titans are allowing an average of 36.4 points per game.

cules last week with a back injury but showed no signs of rust.

He scored on Berkeley's first possession, then added his second score when teammate Alphonso Thomas picked off Richmond quarterback Jabari Richardson's errant pass. Senior Chris Andrews scored two touchdowns for Berkeley, which held a 41-7 at the half.

Richmond (0-5, 0-2 ACCAL) struggled with the Yellow Jackets' size and quickness on both sides of the ball. Fred Morris scored the lone touchdown for the Oilers on a 35-yard pass from Richardson.

Staff writers Phil Jensen and Kibby Kleiman, and correspondent Will McCulloch contributed to this roundup.

only four runners at the beginning of the season.

MATCH OF THE WEEK: The top two volleyball teams in the BSAL finally will meet Tuesday with St. Mary's hosting Albany at 5 p.m.

The Panthers and Cougars were each 7-0 with a two-match lead in the BSAL after Tuesday's matches.

PAR FOR THE COURSE: The BSAL golf championship is Monday at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex in Alameda. The tournament time will be either 11 a.m. or noon.

ON DECK

Prep girls volleyball

■ **Albany at St. Mary's, 5 p.m. Tuesday** — A showdown that could decide the No. 1 seed in the Bay Shore Athletic League playoffs in November. It is the only regular-season league meeting between the two squads, who were both 7-0 in the BSAL.
■ **St. Joseph at St. Mary's, 5 p.m. Thursday** — The Panthers continue a tough week of matches against the Pilots.

Prep girls golf

■ **St. Mary's at BSAL golf finals,**

Monday at Chuck Corica Golf Complex, Alameda TBA Saturday — Piedmont is a favorite for the BSAL title.

Stars of the week

■ **Ramon Cardona, El Cerrito football** — Cardona had eight solo tackles and two sacks in the Gauchos' 15-13 victory over De Anza.

■ **Antione Cokes, Berkeley football** — Cokes rushed for 104 yards and three touchdowns as the Yellow Jackets defeated Richmond 61-7.

■ **Rico Washington, St. Mary's foot-**

ball — Washington scored on a yard interception return to seal a victory for St. Mary's over Alameda.

■ **Luuk Sasse, Albany football** — Sasse had five catches for 121 yards in the Cougars' 51-12 loss to Berkeley.

■ **Natalie Bogan, St. Mary's volleyball** — Bogan had nine three digs and five blocks in the Cougars' 19-25, 25-12, 25-12 victory over Piedmont.

FISHING REPORT

PACIFIC OCEAN

Craig Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing said the Bay Area salmon fleet continues to find good action around Duxbury Reef off the Marin County coast. On Tuesday, scores ranged from just under a fish per rod up to limits of salmon. The fish have averaged 10-14 pounds, with a good showing of larger fish taken up to 36 pounds. Best action has been trolling at depths of 25-40 feet.

The Farallon Islands have yielded excellent catches of rockfish and ling cod. On Tuesday out of Emeryville, the New Huck Finn and New Seeker reported in with collective limits of rockfish for 32 anglers aboard, also adding 23 ling cod weighing as much as 22 pounds. With the exception of one day in the last week, ocean conditions have been calm.

Captain Robert Gallia of the El Dorado reported that king-size salmon and nice weather have provided decent fishing conditions. The fall run of big fish has been late, but the school of adult kings have arrived around Duxbury Buoy in 80 feet of water on Monday and Tuesday. The charter boats fishing with smaller loads have successfully scored limits of the big king salmon, and the charter boats with larger loads are scoring better than a fish per rod. Most salmon are taking medium-size bait.

THE BAYS

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait and Tackle reported an increase in sturgeon and a decrease in stripers being brought to the scale. The sturgeon were caught in several places, and the stripers are mainly off the Martinez shoreline.

Catching sturgeon were Tom Schofield of Martinez (50 inches, 22.6 pounds) from the Martinez Pier on a bullhead, Gary Candito (58 inches, 48 pounds) in Benicia on an eel/grass shrimp combination and Don Shelly of Cordelia (94 inches, 236 pounds, released) at the bridge on a ghost/grass shrimp combination. Joe Orlando of San Ramon caught a 54-inch, 40-pound sturgeon on salmon roe at Buoy 4 and Wes Lancaster of Benicia caught a 60.9-pound, 63-inch sturgeon at the East end of the ships on salmon roe.

Jerome Perry of Hercules caught a limit of stripers on bullheads from the Martinez pier totaling 48 inches. Others catching stripers were Bill Berry of Martinez (20 pounds, 38.5 inches) from the railroad tracks along the Martinez shoreline on a bullhead, and Craig Santos of San Jose (29 inches) from the Martinez shoreline on a bullhead. Joe Orlando of San Ramon caught a limit of stripers totaling 63 inches and 29 pounds at Buoy 4 on bullheads, and Kariana

Duncan of Concord caught a 22-inch, 6-pound striper from the Martinez shoreline with a bullhead.

THE RIVERS

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON: Kirk Portocarrero of Outdoor Adventures Sport Fishing said fly fishing for rainbow trout is fair. Working well are Micro Mayfly No. 16 and Fox's Pupae.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, ANDERSON: Portocarrero said limits of king salmon are being caught (10-25 pounds), with some salmon more than 30 pounds. Anglers are using Flatfish T-50's and bouncing roe. Watch for November and December to produce larger kings.

THE DELTA

Phillip Dutra of Gotchal Bait and Tackle in Antioch said striper action is in full swing as anglers are netting them at West Island, Sherman Lake and Broad Slough. Shad and mudsuckers are the hot baits. Crappie, bluegill and catfish can be had at Holland Tract. Black bass action has slowed down, but salmon can be had at Viera's Resort and sturgeon are making their way into the area.

Art Snowden caught 13.5 pounds of crappie on minnows near Stockton, John Orsco caught three bluegill totaling four pounds at Holland Tract on nightcrawlers, Chuck Ferrell caught 13.5 pounds of catfish at Rock Slough on mackerel, and Scott Bartlett caught a 13.7-pound salmon on a Mepps No. 5 at the Pittsburg PG&E plant.

Catching sturgeon were Andy and Anna Dryer (52 inches, 37 pounds) on grass shrimp, Ed Gonzales (98 pounds, 72 inches) on grass shrimp at Decker Island and Tony Hartsock (27 pounds, 47 inches) on anchovies at the Antioch Pier. Catching stripers were Mike Elmore (3.75 pounds) on sardines at the Antioch Pier, Walter Levison (9.75 pounds) on shad at West Island and Kent Cottier (7.5, 4.25 pounds) on shad at Sherman Lake.

Audie Urbano of Hap's Bait and Tackle in Rio Vista said the water temperature has been gradually cooling down, which has led to some decent fishing. Johnny Douthitt won the striper derby with a 40-pounder that he caught in Montezuma Slough. Many of the stripers that were brought in (20-30 pounds) were caught there. Stripers also can be caught by the Power Lines and Decker Island. Salmon can be had near Isleton. Sturgeon, like a 98-pound, 72-inch that was brought in this week, can be caught near the Power Lines.

THE LAKES

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: Bait fishing and trolling for trout are fair to good, with trollers getting fish from the surface to 15 feet deep. Catfish action also is good, with Scow

Canyon the latest hot spot. Fishing is fair; anglers show coves and dock areas with bait. Main Pho Sorvanie of

LAKE CHABOT, CASTROVILLE: Trout fishing has picked greatly this week. Not many have come from the shore, but anglers are doing well. John

Angled and released 14 trout Thursday trolling a gold Kwik-Aki Saka of Alameda landed a first whopper trout of the season Indian Cove using orange Bull Bait. Bass are all over the lake. Some have even been caught in Half Moon Bay. Fishermen in boats are catching so fish per rod around the lake and at Raccoon Point.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENDA WOOD: For trout, anglers are a variety of PowerBait (rainbow, chartreuse, shad), or Power Trollers are using broken baits, Cripp lures, Wedding lures and Rapalas. Try trolling between 10-25 feet. Boat anglers have having luck bait fishing in Pacific Cove (and coves southeast marina) using a variety of rainbow trout.

A number of largemouth and striped bass have been in Peninsula Cove using live Traps, poppers and rubber lures. **LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE:** Trout are starting to shore anglers are reporting per rod from the south end of the narrows. White PowerBait is with an 18-inch leader.

Smallmouth bass action picked up considerably. Try rows on the shallow flats by lands, as Senkos and various lures are producing the most. Catfish action is still great, with limits. Use chicken livers, worms or sardines. Reports are from south end all the way to the Doug Widger caught 10.5 pound catfish while catching limit. He was using anchovies fishing in Swallow Bay. He landed an 18.5-inch striped bass.

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE: The trout have been to bite on PowerBait or worms around the reservoir. The cooler temperature has allowed trout to move to shallower water. Chris Blaney caught a 5-pound trout in the south end using a worm. Several bass and catfish were caught throughout the lake. Chicken liver and mackerel are the baits of choice for catfish and bass seem to be hitting worms and crankbait. Matt Clayton caught a 3.4-pound trout the south end with a lure, and Dods of Moraga caught an 11-pound catfish at Harry's Cove mackerel.

— Curtis P.

BSAL

FROM PAGE 1

A disappointed Campbell said the players gave up.

"As soon as they started losing, they quit coming to practice," he said.

Only 14 players tried out for the team and eight played when Kennedy beat John Swett on Sept. 23, which was its only league win since 1998.

The Eagles won four games overall.

Campbell said just four players were consistently coming to practice, so he had no other choice than to scrap the team.

The first-year AD coaches the junior varsity squad, which has

10 players. The JV team will continue playing matches against other BSAL JV teams.

Campbell plans to bring varsity volleyball back next season. John Miszi, who coaches soccer at the school, took over as coach of the volleyball team at the start of the season after Campbell could not find a coach.

Campbell said he will search for a new volleyball coach for next year.

IN A RELATED NOTE: Kennedy dropped its cross country team just before its first scheduled meet on Sept. 23. However, Tomasini said the Eagles will not have to forfeit any meets. They were simply taken off the league standings for the year.

Campbell said the team had

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CONDOS: THE HUNT FOR BLOOD ORCHID: This hokey, over-the-top creature feature sequel will be a fan of the original (and a few) and connoisseurs of absurd movies. A group of

scientists working for a pharmaceutical corporation ventures into the jungles of Borneo in search of the rare blood orchid. Soon they've drawn the attention of some very large, very hungry giant anacondas. — G. Dowell. (PG-13: violence, language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C-

"BEFORE SUNSET": A sequel to "Before Sunrise." Former lovers Jesse (Ethan Hawke) and Celine (Julie Delpy) meet again after nine years apart and spend 80 minutes (the film is in real time) roaming the streets of Paris together. Richard Linklater's leanest, sparsest film yet is also his best, most mature work. It challenges all the conventions of romantic movies, cutting out grand misunderstandings, nudity and sex. Instead this potent, very love story delves into the real and true emotions involved in experiencing desire as we age and gain responsibilities. Even the smart, sweet "Before Sunrise" seems slightly staid in comparison. — M. Pols. (R: language and sexual references.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. A

"THE BOURNE SUPREMACY": Two years after we first met him, Matt Damon's Jason Bourne is as lithe, strong and sharp-witted as a disaffected spy as ever. The franchise continues, with a strong tale of heartbreak and revenge, set among various exotic locales. Joan Allen joins the cast as a CIA operative

who thinks Bourne has gone bad. Director Paul Greengrass takes over from Doug Liman, and he does a good job, although the material is less fresh and he's a little too in love with chaotic car chases. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense action violence.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. B

"BRIGHT YOUNG THINGS": This adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's 1930 novel is a wickedly funny skewering of a prewar London society gone mad with frivolity. These are the Paris Hiltons of their day. Aspiring but naive novelist Adam Symes (Stephen Campbell Moore) becomes a society columnist out of necessity. The story traces Adam's on-again/off-again engagement to Nina (Emily Mortimer), whose wedding is contingent on his prospects, which change with head-spinning ease. — J. Bernard. (R: drugs, suicide, thematic material.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. B+

"A DIRTY SHAME": Tracey Ullman stars as frumpy Sylvia Stickle, a grouchy grocery store clerk living with her sex-starved husband (Chris Isaak) and their nubile daughter, Caprice (Selma Blair). Sylvia suffers a head injury and turns into a raving sex maniac. Within minutes, she meets Ray-Ray (Johnny Knoxville), who shares her affliction and is the leader of a cult of concussion victims who have kinky tastes. They're searching for a new sex act, something that's never been done before,

and Ray-Ray believes Sylvia is their chosen one. — G. Dowell. (NC-17: language, pervasive sexuality.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. B

"FAHRENHEIT 9/11": He's baaaaack. With a vengeance, a camera and archival footage no conservative wants to see. In Michael Moore's exhaustive, and rather exhausting, nonfiction film, the must-see "documentary" of the season, America's resident noodge details the many reasons why he hates President George Bush and why he thinks you should, too. The results are passionate, clever, scathing, funny, snarky, brutal, sad, glib, often wildly entertaining and at times superficial. Moore is at his strongest when he lets a woman named Lila Lipscomb, whose son was stationed in Iraq, do the talking. She will break your heart. — M. Pols. (R: language, violent images of war.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B+

"FESTIVAL EXPRESS": They say that if you can remember Woodstock and other rock concerts of the 1960s, then you couldn't have been there. That also may be true of Canada's 1970 Festival Express tour, headlined by Janis Joplin, the Grateful Dead and The Band. As documented in the new film "Festival Express," it sheds new light on psychedelic rock while showing viewers heretofore unseen, career-defining performances by some legends. — B. Kava. (R: some language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"FIRST DAUGHTER": In this likable, predictable comedy, Samantha (Katie Holmes) flies off to a California college campus, but in the grip of iron-fisted Secret Service agents. Only when she escapes her muscular escorts does she taste the prerogatives of a "normal" freshman. And it doesn't hurt that her companion is a dreamy resident assistant named James (Marc Blucas). But what if, like everyone else she meets, James has a hidden agenda? — C. Riecke. (PG: profanity, sexual innuendo, alcohol.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. C

"THE FORGOTTEN": Fourteen months after her son's death in a plane crash, a woman (Julianne Moore) is still a wreck. Yet one day her husband, and her shrink (Gary Sinise), tell her the boy was just a figment of her imagination, launching a wild quest to prove her own sanity. She's joined by a man (Dominic West) whose daughter was on the same plane. The movie doesn't bear up well under close scrutiny, but Moore is convincing enough to distract the logician, at least until after you've left the theater. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense thematic material, some violence and brief language.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. B-

"FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS": The saddest sports movie since "Hoop Dreams," this is the true tale of a Texas town so bewitched by high school football that nothing else matters, including the feelings of the players. Billy Bob Thornton plays the much put-upon but not quite saintly coach, while Derek Luke and Lucas Black shine as the team's most important players. But the movie, based on Buzz Bissinger's nonfiction account of a year in the life of Odessa, Texas, is undercut by wild, daring camera work that aspires to give a feeling of cinema verite but instead inspires queasiness. — M. Pols. (PG-13: thematic issues, sexual content, language, some teen drinking and rough sports action.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B-

"GARDEN STATE": "Scrubs" star Zach Braff wrote, directed and stars in this deceptively quirky tale that gradually deepens to end on a note of redemption marked by a bracing largeness of spirit. Braff plays a Los Angeles actor who returns to New Jersey when his mother dies, and simultaneously stops taking medication for depression. With Natalie Portman as the offbeat local girl with whom he hooks up. — K. Thomas. (R: drugs, language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. B+

"GHOST IN THE SHELL 2: INNO-CENCE": Mixing shimmering computer graphics with noirish hand-drawn characters, this anime sequel unravels a confusing future-world mystery in which individual life forces

OPENING TODAY

"AROUND THE BEND" (R)
Comic drama about four generations of men brought together by chance to discover the truth about their family's past.

"BRIGHT LEAVES" (NR)
A part-fact, part-fiction film about the tobacco business by writer/director Ross McElwee, whose great-grandfather started the Bull Durham brand.

"FACE" (PG-13)
In the 1970s, a young woman (Bai Ling) leaves her newborn daughter to be raised by her mother. Nineteen years later, all three women revisit family history.

"THE FINAL CUT" (PG-13)
A futuristic thriller about a man (Robin Williams) who edits people's memories for a living. He discovers something from his own life has been edited.

"PRIMER" (PG-13)
Two young engineers figure out a way to time-travel, and must face the consequences.

"PS." (R)
An admissions officer at Columbia (Laura Linney) begins an affair with

a prospective student (Topher Grace) who bears an uncanny resemblance to her long-dead high school boyfriend.

"SHALL WE DANCE?" (PG-13)
In this remake of the Japanese hit, Richard Gere plays a married businessman who takes dance lessons from a beautiful woman (Jennifer Lopez).

"STAGE BEAUTY" (R)
Billy Crudup stars as a successful stage actor in Restoration England, specializing in playing female roles. When King Charles II (Rupert Everett) lifts the ban on women as actors, his career seems ruined.

"TEAM AMERICA: WORLD POLICE" (R)
From the creators of "South Park," a political farce about an international police force dedicated to maintaining global stability. Performed entirely by marionettes.

"TARNATION" (R)
Jonathan Caouette tweaks the documentary format with this edgy film, a psychedelic whirlwind of snapshots, Super-8 home movies, early short films and re-enactments.

reside in various combinations of android and flesh-and-blood receptacles. Those coming to the Japanese cartoon series could well detect unmistakable echoes of "I, Robot," the "Matrix" movies and "Resident Evil." — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, disturbing images, language.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

"GOING UPRIVER: THE LONG WAR OF JOHN KERRY": George Butler's documentary zeroes in on John Kerry's service during the Vietnam War, and his involvement in Vietnam Veterans Against the War once he returned home. Butler builds a portrait through conversations with the men who served with Kerry, people who went to college with him and relatives. — R. Moore. (PG-13: disturbing images of war, some dialogue.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. B

"HERO": This historical fable and soulful contemplation is like an epic poem, taking viewers back a couple of millennia to China's "Warning States" period. The story quickly zeroes in on a mysterious wordsman (Jet Li) known only as "Nameless" who is brought before the king of Qin as the hero who killed the three most feared assassins in the realm. Visually stunning. — T. Maustard. (PG-13: stylized martial arts violence, a scene of sensuality.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. A

"I (HEART) HUCKABEES": David O. Russell's latest comedy is a wild romp about warring philosophies, starring, as a pair of existential detectives, Dustin Hoffman and Lily Tomlin. Their latest client is Jason Schwartzman, an environmental activist who has lost his way, thanks to a corporate mouthpiece, played by a brilliant Jude Law. The material is dense, but the movie is so pleasantly silly that it floats by. Mark Wahlberg is outstanding as a thoughtful fireman, indignant with the world since "that September thing." — M. Pols. (R: language, a sex scene.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

"LADDER 49": The career of veteran Baltimore fireman Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix) plays out in flashbacks while he is trapped in a burning building. The movie fits from the present, as Jack's mentor, Fire Chief Mike Kennedy (John Travolta), directs a rescue effort, to Jack's first day on the job, his triumphant first fire and his family life with Linda (Jacinda Barrett) and their two children. — D. Germain. (PG-13: profanity, fire-scene violence.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C-

"THE LAST SHOT": This Hollywood satire has a surreal sense of humor as it follows wannabe director Steven Schats (Matthew Broderick), who thinks he's finally getting his big break when a producer offers up his dream picture, "Arizona." Except that the movie is being shot in Providence, R.I., and it's not really a movie at all. Steven is actually a pawn in a federal mob sting; the "producer" is an FBI agent (Alec Baldwin). — C. Lemire. (R: language, some sexual content.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C

"A LETTER TO TRUE": Bruce Weber's film is an autobiographical scrapbook whose fragments are interwoven with a love letter, read out loud, to True, one of Weber's five beloved golden retrievers. It is a cinematic photo spread that fixates on pets as the only beings capable of innocence, trust, loyalty and true love in a corrupt, vicious world. Images of dogs deliciously frisking in the surf are offered against a darker backdrop of human cruelty, with special attention given to the horrors of 9/11 and the agony of Haitian detainees. — S. Holden. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 18 minutes. C+

"MARIA FULL OF GRACE": A compelling, lyrical and highly accomplished debut feature by writer/director Joshua Marston, which puts a human face on one of the more inhumane and despicable aspects of the drug trade, the use of "mules" to transport heroin and cocaine. Through Maria, his heroine, we come to understand how an otherwise innocent young girl would willingly take such a risk. In the title role, serene newcomer Catalina Sandino Moreno won our sympathy. — M. Pols. (R: drug content, language.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. A-

"THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES": A subtle and lyrical depiction of a political awakening from director Walter Salles. In 1952, two young men set out from Argentina, intent upon exploring South America via motorcycle. Alberto Guevara (the marvelous Rodrigo de la Serna) wants to get laid in every small town, his friend Ernesto Guevara de la Serna (the snuff Gael Garcia Bernal) wants adventure. Ultimately what they find is a connection to the continent's poor, put-upon and displaced people. By the end, the roots of revolution had found the man who would become "Che" Guevara. — M. Pols. (R: language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. A

"MR. 3000": Boasting an attitude, Milwaukee Brewers slugger Sam Ross (Bernie Mac) quit during the '95 pennant race, after his 3,000th hit entered the record books, a place in the Baseball Hall of Fame. A decade later, though, he still hasn't made the cut, since sportswriters loathe him. A routine record check uncovers that three hits from one game were erroneously credited to Ross. To save his rep, he must go back to a much younger, even more resentful Brewers dugout. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language, sex.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B

"NAPOLEON DYNAMITE": Napoleon, played by Jon Heder, is a gangly mouth-breather whose affected eccentricity could easily be mistaken for simple-mindedness. "He's a tender little guy," as described by his Uncle Rico (Jon Gries). This is about the kindest thing anyone says about Napoleon, who is taunted, harassed and laughed at in school. It is also the truest, though it may take you a

DAY MOVIE LISTINGS

times for Friday October 15

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Pythons and the Holy Grail (PG)
(PG-13) 8, 10
Beauty (R) 7, 9, 30.

enny Twin
1000 Broadway, Berkeley 510-777-3456
The Motorcycle Diaries (R) 1:15, 4, 6, 45,
Fair (PG-13) 2, 5, 8.

Bay Street 16
1000 Broadway, Berkeley 510-457-4262
Fatal Out 12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40,
Night Lights (PG-13) 1:10, 2:15,
7, 8, 10, 11
PG-13) 1:40, 4:35, 7:25, 9:40,
The Motorcycle Diaries (R) 1:25, 4:40, 7:50,

We Dance? (PG-13) 1:15, 2:30,
3:25, 7:05, 9:05, 9:35, 10:35
The Tale 12:15, 1, 3:30, 2, 3:30, 4,
5:15, 6:45, 7:15, 8:30, 9:15,
9:45.
The Tale of the Dead (R) 12:45, 3:15,
5:15, 11:10.
1:20, 2:45, 4:20, 7:20, 9:20, 9:50.

Team America: World Police (R) 1:20,
2:45, 5:05, 7:10, 8:10, 10:05, 11:05
Sex (NR) 12, 2:40, 5:35, 8:25,
9:45.

onia Theatre
1000 Broadway, Berkeley 510-777-3456
Heart Huckabees (R) 1, 2, 3:30, 4:30,
8:30, 9:30.
The Tale of the Dead (R) 2:30, 5, 7:30,

ot Space & Science
1000 Broadway, Berkeley 510-336-7300
The Voyage (Not Rated) 4:30, 8:30.
The Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30,
8:30, 9:30, 10:30.

Wings 3
1000 Broadway, Berkeley 510-649-0530
The Tale of the Dead (R) 2:30, 5, 7:30,

naissance Grand Lake
1000 Broadway, Oakland 510-452-3556
The Tale of the Dead (R) 1:15, 7:15, 9:45,
The Motorcycle Diaries (PG) 5, 7:10, 9,
11:10.
PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:35.

London Stadium
1000 Broadway, Oakland 510-433-1320
The Tale of the Dead (R) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 7:50,
9:45.
Night Lights 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7, 40.

er 11:30, 2:05, 4:45, 7:25,
Your Voice 11:35, 2, 4:30, 7:05,
We Dance? 11:45, 2:10, 4:50, 7:15,
Tale (PG) 12, 1, 2:20, 4:40, 7,
of the Dead (R) 3:15, 5:35, 8,
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Team America: World Police (R)
(R) 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15.

naissance Oaks Theatre
1000 Broadway, Berkeley 510-526-1836
The Tale (PG) 7:15, 9,
The Pay (Not Rated) 8, 11,
Constitutional (Not Rated) 6:45,
11:45.

President: The 2000
The Tale of the Dead (Not Rated) 8:40.

Way Speakeasy
1000 Broadway, Oakland 510-814-2400
The Tale (PG) 7:15, 9:15,
The Pay (Not Rated) 8, 11,
Constitutional (Not Rated) 6:45,
11:45.

ment Theatre
1000 Broadway, Oakland 510-777-3456
The Motorcycle Diaries (R) 1, 3:45, 6:45,
The Tale (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7, 9:40,
The Tale — I Do We Know? (Not
Rated) 1:30, 4, 6:30, 9:10.

utback Cinemas
1000 Broadway, Berkeley 510-777-3456
The Tale of the Dead (R) 1, 3:05, 5:10, 7:15,
The Tale (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10,

in the Shell 2: Innocence (PG-
13) 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55.
Going Upriever: The Long War of John

Kerry (PG-13) 12:45, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20,
9:25.
Ladder 49 (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7:05, 9:45.
Maria Full of Grace (R) 1:30, 4:15, 6:50,
9:15.

Napoleon Dynamite (PG) 12:40, 2:55,
5:20, 7:35, 10.
Remember Me, My Love (Not Rated)
1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:35.
Team America: World Police (R)
12:30, 2:05, 3, 4:35, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:30,
10:20.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-0193
The Forgotten (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30,
5:45, 7:55, 10:05.
Friday Night Lights 1:45, 4:30, 7:15,
10.

Raise Your Voice (PG) 1, 4:15, 7, 9:30.
Shall We Dance? (PG-13) 1:10, 4, 7:20,
10:10.
Sky Captain ... (PG) 2, 4:45, 7:10, 9:40.
The Tale (PG-13) 12:30, 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:45.
What the—I Do We Know? (NR) 1:30,
4, 6:30, 9:15.

United Artists Emery Bay *
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0492
A Dirty Shame (NC-17) 1:20, 3:30,
5:40, 7:50, 10:20.
The Forgotten (PG-13) 12:45, 1:45,
3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:10.
Garden State (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:10,
7:50, 9:45, 10:30.

Ladder 49 (PG-13) 1, 2, 4, 4:45, 7,
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Mr. 3000 12:40, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10, 10:30.
Napoleon Dynamite 12:40, 3:10, 5:15,
7:40, 10.
Raise Your Voice (PG) 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8,
10:25.
Sky Captain ... (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:30,
10.

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
Going Upriever: The Long War of John
Kerry (PG-13) 1, 6:30.
Shark Tale (PG) 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7, 9.
Vanity Fair (PG-13) 3:30, 8:15.

Renaissance Park Theatre
1000 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 925-883-7987
The Motorcycle Diaries (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7,
9:30.

Rheem All Stadium 4
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
Friday Night Lights (PG-13) 4:55, 7:20,
9:45.
Shark Tale (PG) 5:05, 7:30, 9:55.
Taxi (PG-13) 5, 7:25, 9:50.
Team America: World Police (R) 5:10,
7:35, 10.

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2945
The Forgotten (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15,
4:45, 7:20, 9:50.
Friday Night Lights (PG-13) 11:40,
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Ladder 49 (PG-13) 11:50, 2:35, 5:05,
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Raise Your Voice (PG) 12:15, 2:40,
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Shall We Dance? (PG-13) 1, 3:20,
5:40, 8, 10:20.
Shark Tale (PG) 12, 12:30, 1:05, 1:35,
2:25, 2:50, 3:15, 4, 4:40, 5:35, 6:30,
7:15, 8:05, 8:50, 9:40, 10:30.
Shaun of the Dead (R) 12:10, 2:30,
4:50, 7:10, 9:45.
Taxi (PG-13) 11:35, 12:05, 12:45, 1:45,
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7:45, 8:40, 9:25, 10:05.
Team America: World Police (R) 11:30,
12:20, 1:50, 2:50, 4:20, 5:20, 7, 7:55, 9:20,
10:25.

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
The Final Cut (PG-13) 11:50, 2:20,
4:50, 7:30, 10:15.
The Forgotten (PG-13) 11:55, 2:15,
4:40, 7:15, 9:45.
Friday Night Lights (PG-13) 11:50,
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Shall We Dance? (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30,
5:05, 7:35, 10:05.
Shark Tale (PG) 12, 12:45, 2:40, 3:10,
4:55, 5:45, 7:25, 8:20, 10, 10:40.
Shaun of the Dead (R) 12:10, 2:45,
5:15, 8, 10:35.
Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG) 12:20, 2:55, 5:35, 8:10,

10:45.
Taxi (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:50,
10:20.
Team America: World Police (R)
11:45, 2:25, 5, 7:45, 10:30.

AMC Kabuki 8
1881 Post St., San Francisco 415-931-9800
The Forgotten (PG-13) 12:40, 3:40, 6,
8:20, 10:25.
Friday Night Lights (PG-13) 11:50,
2:20, 5, 7:40, 10:20.
Raise Your Voice (PG) 12:50, 3:20,
5:50, 8:20, 10:45.
Shall We Dance? (PG-13) 12:30, 3:10,
5:30, 7:50, 10:05.
Shark Tale (PG) 12:20, 2:30, 5:10,
7:30, 9:45.
Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG) 12:10, 3, 5:40, 8:10,
10:40.
Taxi (PG-13) 1, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15, 10:35.
Team America: World Police (R) 12,
2:45, 5:20, 8, 10:30.

Bridge Theatre
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-777-3456
Stage Beauty (R) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7,
9:30.

Castro Theatre
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
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Clay Theatre
2261 Filmore Street, San Francisco 415-777-3456
The Motorcycle Diaries (R) 1, 4, 7, 10,
10:30.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas
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Around the Bend (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40,
7:40, 10:10.
Garden State (R) 1:10, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
Maria Full of Grace (R) 1, 4:20, 7:10,
9:40.
PS. (R) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:20, 9:50.
Red Lights (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:50,
7:30, 10.

Lumiere Theatre
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
A Dirty Shame (NC-17) 1, 3, 5, 7:30,
9:40.
Napoleon Dynamite (PG) 1:30, 4:45, 7,
9:20.
Primer (PG-13) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15,
9:30.

Opera Plaza Cinema
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-777-3456
Before Sunset (R) 2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:50.
DIGI (Not Rated) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30.
Ghost in the Shell 2: Innocence (PG-13)
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40.
Remember Me, My Love (Not Rated)
2:30, 5:30, 8:15.

The Red Vic Theatre
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
Howard Zinn: You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train (Not Rated) 7:15,
9:15.

The Roxie Theatre
3117 18th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1097
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Loews Theatres Metreon
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6201
The Forgotten (PG-13) 11:30, 3:05,
5:45, 8:35, 10:55.
Friday Night Lights (PG-13) 12:20,
3:40, 7:05, 10:35.
Heart Huckabees (R) 11:15, 12:15, 2,
3:40, 4:45, 6, 7:40, 8:30, 10:20, 11:10,
Ladder 49 (PG-13) 12:55, 4:05, 7:20,
10:55.
Raise Your Voice (PG) 10:50, 1:25, 4:15,
7:15.
Shall We Dance? (PG-13) 11, 2:05,
5:05, 8, 11.
Shark Tale (PG) 10:40, 12:40, 1:20,
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9:55.
Shaun of the Dead (R) 3:55, 6:45,
9:30.
Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG) 11:10, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15,
11:05.
Taxi (PG-13) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:55,
9:45, 10:30.
Team America: World Police (R)
10:30, 10:55, 12, 12:50, 1:30, 2:30, 3:20,
4, 5:50, 6:30, 7, 8:20, 9, 9:50, 10:50,
11:30, 12:20.

Loews IMAX Theatre
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Spider-Man 2: The IMAX Experience
(PG-13) 1:10, 3:5

'Team America' hilariously politically incorrect

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

The words "all-marionette cast" aren't exactly inspiring. The last time most of us heard the word marionette and felt a corresponding thrill was in third grade.

But "Team America: World Police," the latest foul-mouthed, astonishingly raunchy production from Matt Stone and Trey Parker, can make you a marionette convert. The creators of "South Park" have outdone themselves: These puppets sing, dance, fly airplanes, bomb the Eiffel Tower, have wild sex, feed Hans Blix to the sharks and, best of all, make you shake with laughter.

The movie has the exact plot of a dumb action movie, but one relocated to a playland of ultimate doll houses and Hot Wheels sets. Every character is a puppet and every puppet proudly shows its strings. There's no pretending that any of this is real, just one long steady joke about the essential absurdity of making a major motion picture starring marionettes.

We're not talking Punch and Judy here: Team America is an international police force that pursues terrorists around the globe. In the opening sequence, four Middle Eastern men in robes and headaddresses are spotted in a Parisian park, carrying suspicious briefcases. A disembodied voice blasts from the sky, "You in the robes. Put down the weapons of mass destruction." Team America swoops in via helicopter and



STRINGS ATTACHED: The makers of "South Park" send marionettes on a mission around the world in "Team America."

fighter jet and after a bloody shootout (who knew marionettes had entrails?), the would-be terrorists are subdued. Team America has accidentally blown up the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre, but no matter, the all important WMD have been confiscated.

Having mocked America for its propensity to blunder while policing the world, the filmmakers move on to other objects of ridicule, particularly actors. It's a

good thing Parker and Stone rarely work with real people, because they insult half of Hollywood in this movie. We meet Gary Johnston, the film's hero, as he's performing the show-stopping finale of a Broadway musical called "Lease." In a perfect rip-off of "Rent," marionettes, led by Gary, bob up and down on a giant scaffolding, singing the chorus, "We've All Got AIDS." It is completely politically incorrect,

and utterly hilarious.

Team America has sought out Gary because it needs a top-notch actor to infiltrate the terrorist ranks. Initially reluctant, Gary gets sucked in by a combination of latent patriotism and lust for Team America member Lisa, a blonde bombshell. His involvement eventually leads the team to Egypt, where they accidentally destroy at least one of the Great Pyramids, then on to North Ko-

rea, where they wrestle with dictator Kim Jong Il.

Safe to say, "Team America: World Police" will not win us any new friends in either region. Director Parker and his co-writers, Stone and frequent collaborator Pam Brady, don't even bother to have our foreign enemies speak real languages. In the Middle East, the terrorists say things like "Dirk, dirk. Baklava. Mohammed Jihad," while Kim Jong Il sings himself a song called "I'm So Roan-rey (Lonely)."

As vicious as they are to dictators, Parker and Stone really have it in for Hollywood liberals, who are depicted as fools and traitors. Alec Baldwin and Michael Moore get it the worst — Moore is featured as a suicide bomber, attacking America with a piece of pizza in hand, and is referred to as a "giant socialist weasel!" — but Martin Sheen, Sean Penn and a few less openly political types such as Liv Tyler, Matt Damon and Helen Hunt are also targets.

Nor are they mocked only for their politics. "Your skills are fading with age, Ms. Sarandon," Gary tells a Susan Sarandon marionette who has tried to "act" her way into Team America's good graces.

Parker and Stone claim not to be taking sides politically, to be making equal opportunity fun of everyone. Neither George Bush nor John Kerry is mentioned, and a raunchy comedy like this hardly seems likely to influence an election. But releasing it now, just

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Team America: World Police"

■ **STARRING:** Trey Parker, Matt Stone, Kristen Miller (voice)

■ **RATING:** R (graphic sexual humor, violent language, all in puppets)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 30 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at theaters

■ **GRADE:** B+

weeks before the Nov. 2 election, still seems a curious choice. I had to guess, I'd say Stone do have a point: one that might not play to their youthful target audience, which is why they are about it.

Regardless, they move forward a viewpoint: cynical, mock-everything approach to life. It's their when they make it as "Team America," we see the benefit. The lengthy vomit scene rolling and the scene between marionettes (do stay away from the fended by crudeness).

But there's something and kind of nasty about it. Hilarious as "Team America" is, afterward, when the movie fades, you may find it a little apathetic, even the it, doesn't seem funny.

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while to appreciate it. This movie, filled with small-town, quirky characters, is ultimately more tender than cruel. — A.O. Scott. (PG: thematic elements and language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. C+

"RAISE YOUR VOICE": Hilary Duff stars in this sort of Christian version of "Fame." When her brother dies in a car crash that she survives, Terrie (Duff) loses the desire to sing — until she learns she's been accepted to a prestigious summer music program in Los Angeles. Once there, her classmates ostracize her for lacking the angst that's requisite for an artist. She eventually falls into a

chaste romance with a rakish British musician named Jay (Oliver James).

C. Lemire. (PG: thematic elements, language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. C-

"RED LIGHTS": Antoine (Jean-Pierre Darroussin) and Helene (Carole Bouquet) set off on a family vacation, taking to the highway hours later than they planned. But the tension rises as Antoine seems to be simultaneously nursing a grudge and trying to suppress it. Finally, Helene says she will leave if he stops at one more highway bar. But he does stop, and when she emerges Helene is gone. Now this taut, atmospheric psychological thriller gets down to business. — K. Turan. (Not rated, but with intense language, adult situations, a scene of violence; in

French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. A

"REMEMBER ME, MY LOVE": An Italian family suffers from a chronic case of ambition, ranging from ugly (the teenage daughter's willingness to prostitute herself to get a TV gig) to the misplaced (the lousy novel the dad fantasizes about finishing). Writer/director Gabriel Muccino, whose earlier film "The Last Kiss" was a huge hit in Italy, uses a narrator to cloaking effect, but on the topic of fidelity and contentment, he is brutally honest. Nothing about this Italy is idealized, a rarity in imports to the States. Monica Bellucci is the

tempting ex-girlfriend. — M. Pols. (Not rated.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B+


"RESIDENT EVIL: APOCALYPSE": Zombies have been unleashed on the fictional Raccoon City by an evil corporation, leaving babatistic Milla Jovovich and a few other plucky survivors to fight three vigorous foes: the undead, some slimy demons and a plus-sized humanoid with a rocket launcher. You might not know it from the title, but "Apocalypse" is a sequel to "Resident Evil." — C. Hewitt. (R: partial nudity, violence, strong language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

"SHARK TALE": An animated underwater tale for kids. Sound familiar?

But this tiresome DreamWorks concoction has none of the heart and soul of "Finding Nemo." The story is structured around yet another "God-father" parody, featuring Robert De Niro as the head shark ("Analyze This" and "That" weren't enough?) who rules the reef. Every sea creature has been anthropomorphized into something recognizable from pop culture, and the fish shop at "The Cup" and drink "Coral Cola." Yuck! Will Smith voices the most irritating fish in the sea, a braggart named Oscar. — M. Pols. (PG: mild language, crude humor.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. C-

"SHAUN OF THE DEAD": A thor-

oughly juvenile and often a "rom zom com" — which is a romantic zombie comedy — salesman Shaun (co-writer Pegg) gets dumped by his girlfriend (Ashfield) because he never where but to the same tedious friend Ed (Nick Frost) ways around. The next day, a zombie invasion in North and Shaun gets a change in his love by putting his life on to save his girl. Goofy and a cross between "28 Days" and "Wayne's World." — M. Pols. (PG: violence/gore and 1 hour, 39 minutes. B



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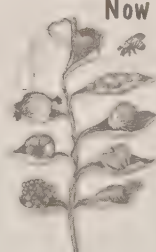
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CONTRA COSTA CIVIC THEATRE — "Noises Off" by Michael Frayn, Oct. 22 through Nov. 20. A farce following the trials of a theater company attempting to rehearse and perform a play while also dealing with love triangles, professional rivalries and backstage intrigue.

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WOMAN'S WILL — "Lord of the Flies" by William Golding, closing Oct. 24. The Bay Area's all-female Shakespeare company performs an adaptation of Golding's classic story about the dark side of human nature. Donations encouraged. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. Eighth Street Studios, 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. 510-420-0813 or www.womanswill.org

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BECKETT'S IRISH PUB — Great Teacher, Oct. 15. Nicole, Oct. 16 and Oct. 23. Nicole and the Sisters in Soul, Oct. 20. Megan Skalar Band, Oct. 21. Free. For ages 21 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 2271 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-647-1790 or www.beckettsirishpub.com

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COFFEE FOR THOUGHT — Earl J and Friends, Oct. 15. "Live Music Jam Night," Tuesdays. Free. Shows begin at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 1544 Webster St., Alameda. 510-769-4930 or www.coffeeforthought.net

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANT — "Lava Smith Jazz Supper Club Event" featuring Allen Smith, Oct. 15. Michael Zilber Quartet, Oct. 16. Peter Barshay and Murray Low, Oct. 19. Eric Shifrin, Oct. 21. Christy Dana Trio, Oct. 22. Giselle Fahrback, Oct. 23. Jules Broussard, Ned Boynton and Bing Nathan, Wednesdays through October. Free. Music begins Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 9 p.m. unless noted otherwise. 2102 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-649-3810 or 510-597-0633.

EGYPT THEATRE — "Gospel Music Fest," Oct. 23, 3 p.m. \$25. 5306 Foothill Blvd., Oakland. 510-436-4877 or www.egypttheatre.com

FELLOWSHIP CAFE AND OPEN MIKE — Maxina Ventura, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. \$5 to \$10. Fellowship Hall, Cedar and Bonita streets, Berkeley. 510-540-0898

FREIGHT AND SALVAGE — David Mallett, Oct. 15. \$16.50 to \$17.50. Barry and Alice Oliver, Oct. 16. \$16.50 to \$17.50. Austin Lounge Lizards, Oct. 17. \$18.50 to \$19.50. "Bluegrass Benefit Concert for Allison Fisher" with Laune Lewis and Tom Rozum, Kathy Kallick Band, High Country, Bluegrass Intentions and True Blue, Oct. 20. \$17.50 to \$18.50. Bruce Molsky, Oct. 21. \$17.50 to \$18.50.

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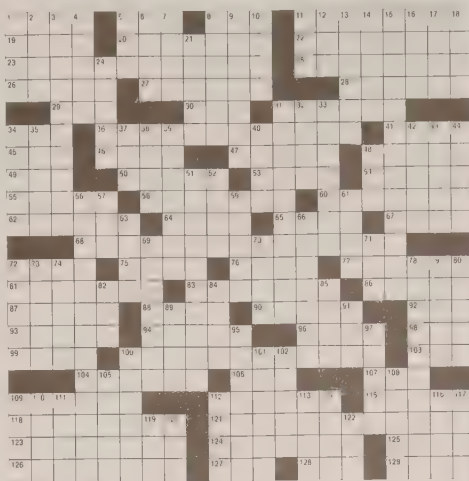
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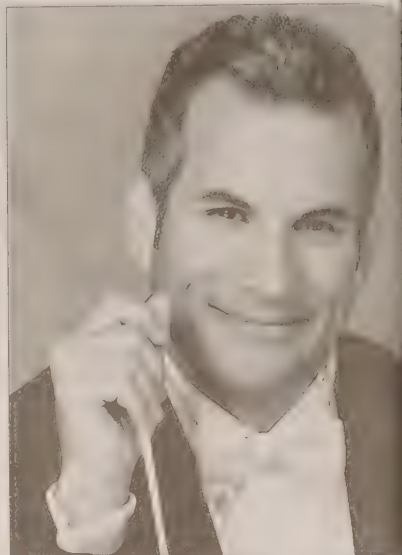
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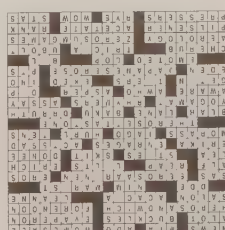
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Christine Kane, Oct. 22. \$15.50 to \$16.50.
Robin Flower and Libby McLaren, Oct. 23. \$18.50 to \$19.50.
Tanchaz Band, Oct. 24. \$17.50 to \$18.50.
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GREEK THEATRE AT UC BERKELEY — R.E.M., Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.
\$45 to \$75. Hearst Avenue and Gayley Road, Berkeley. 510-444-TIXS, (415) 421-TIXS, www.cc.com or www.ticketmaster.com
HAAS PAVILION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY — Bob Dylan, Oct. 17, 7 p.m.
\$35. Dana Court and Bancroft Way, Berkeley. www.bgp.com or www.ticketmaster.com
JAZZSCHOOL — "Spice of Life Festival," Oct. 17, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Snake Trail, Oct. 23, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$18. Le Jazz Hot, Oct. 24, 4:30 p.m. \$12 to \$18.
Dick Hindman Trio, Fridays through October, 8 p.m. \$12 to \$18.
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JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — Mike Vax Jazz Orchestra, Oct. 24, 2 p.m.
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KIMBALLS EAST — Eugene Groove, Oct. 15 through Oct. 17, \$28.
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LA PENA CULTURAL CENTER — Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. \$16 to \$18. Domingo de Rumba, Oct. 17, 3:30 p.m. Free.
PachaSiku, Oct. 22, 8:30 p.m. Ancient and contemporary flute and drum music from the Andean highlands. \$10. "Guitarra y Cajon" Oct. 23, 8:30 p.m. Afro-Peruvian choreographies and music by De Rómpe y Raja Cultural Association. \$15.
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SHATTUCK DOWN LOW — Brown Baggin, Oct. 22, 11 p.m. \$7 general; \$5 students.
Native Elements, Dr. Masseuse, Oct. 23. \$10 general; \$8 students.
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THE STARRY PLOUGH PUB — Jello Biafra, Daphne Gottlieb, Meliza Nalies, Oct. 15, 37.
86 The Band, Bermuda Triangle Service, Wensler Willgain, Oct. 16. \$6. Pladdog, Oct. 21, \$5.
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Josh Workman, Oct. 20. \$10.
Rick Braun, Oct. 21 through Oct. 24. \$22 to \$26.
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CLASSICAL MUSIC
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\$38. Hertz Hall, University of California, Berkeley campus, Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 510-842-9988 or www.calperforms.berkeley.edu
CENTER FOR NEW MUSIC AND AUDIO TECHNOLOGY AT UC BERKELEY — "Triptych for Boccioni," Oct.



- 23, 8 p.m. A performance by composer, trombone player and tuba player Giancarlo Schiaffini.
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JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS — Archiglas Acapella Choral Ensemble, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. The ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia performs Russian folk and spiritual music.
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MILLS COLLEGE CONCERT SERIES — Werner Bartschi, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. The pianist performs a program of works by Schumann, Beethoven, Brahms, Ulrich Gasser, Werner Bartschi and Liszt. \$12 general; \$6 seniors.
Amelia Cuni, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. A lecture and demonstration on North Indian dhrupad singing. In the Ensemble Room. Free.
Quartet San Francisco, Oct. 23, 8 p.m. A program of works by Henry Cowell and Chris Brown. \$12 general; \$6 seniors.
Unless otherwise noted, events take place in the Concert Hall. Mills College, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. 510-430-2296.
MUSIC SOURCES — "Dance Through Time," Oct. 17, 5 p.m. A baroque dance party — artists Carol Houser Carvajal and Carlos Ventura teach the Gavotte. For all ages. A reception follows.
Cynthia Miller Freivogel and Sean Wang, baroque violin and Mahan Esfahani, harpsichord, Oct. 24, 5 p.m. A program of works by J.S. Bach, Biber and Telemann.
\$18 general; \$15 students and seniors. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. 510-528-1685.

- ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — "A Saturday Morning Series" with The Alexander String Quartet and Composer Robert Greenberg, through Oct. 23. This series, presented by San Francisco Performances and titled "Papa Joe and Wolfgang," explores Mozart's six so-called "Haydn" quartets as well as two of Haydn's own quartets. Greenberg will discuss the featured piece and the quartet will provide musical examples, followed by a performance of each work in its entirety. The programs begin at 10 a.m. \$30 per performance; \$107 for the four-performance series. (415) 392-2545 or www.performances.org
Oct. 23: Mozart's "Quartet in C Major, K. 465" and Haydn's "Quartet in G Major, Op. 76, No. 1."
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Oct. 24: Works by Handel, Purcell, Vivaldi and Blow.
2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 510-845-6830 or www.stjohns.presbychurch.net
SAN FRANCISCO BACH CHOIR — Oct. 16, 8 p.m. J.S. Bach's "Missae Breves." \$22 to \$30 general; \$15 to \$18 students. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. 415-441-4942 or www.sfbach.org

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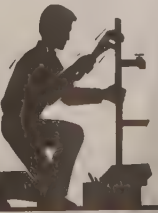
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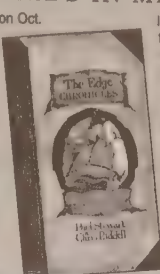
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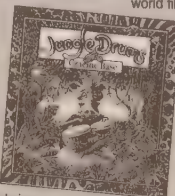
of Dave and Toph Eggers, on Oct. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Haggis-on-Whey's faux scientific treatises, "Giraffes? Giraffes!" and "Your Disgusting Head" (9-12), answer questions kids never thought to ask. What are giraffes' necks made of? Papier mache. When were ears invented? 1911. (Cody's, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-845-7852.)

■ **Rakestraw Books:** Monster-loving kindergartners will thrill to the silly text and spectacular illustrations in Adam Lane and Craig Frazier's "Monsters Party All Night Long" (4-8). Lane and Frazier visit Danville's Rakestraw Books on Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. (Rakestraw, 409 Railroad Ave., Danville, 925-837-7337, www.rakestrawbooksin-danville.com.)

Two days later, Graeme Base arrives to tout "Jungle Drums" (4-8), his

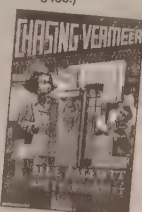


J.R.R. Tolkien, Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell have imagined a rich fantasy world filled with goblins, cloddertrogs and courageous heroes in "The Edge Chronicles." Stewart and Riddell arrive at Rakestraw on Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. to talk about the latest "Edge" installment, "Midnight Over Sanctaphrax" (9-12).



■ **The Storyteller Bookstore:** Like E.L. Koenigsburg's classic "From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler," Blue Balliet's "Chasing Vermeer" (9-12) twists a simple art museum field

trip into a daring tale of mystery and adventure. Balliet appears at Lafayette's Storyteller on Oct. 18 at 9:15 a.m. (The Storyteller, 30 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette, 925-284-3480.)



Parents and teachers get book-buying tips from the expert, Walter the Giant Storyteller, on Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., when Walter Mayes, co-author of "Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children: An Opinionated Guide," showcases 50 new titles, perfect reading material for children of all ages. Reservations required; tickets \$10.

■ **Barnes & Noble:** Marc Brown and Judy Sierra's latest picture book evokes Dr. Seussian rhythms, as librarian Molly McGrew mistakenly drives the bookmobile to the zoo in "Wild About Books" (4-8). Brown and Sierra appear at Walnut Creek's Barnes & Noble, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. (1149 S. Main, Walnut Creek, 925-947-0373).

— Jackie Burrell

school in Mark Teague's "Dear Mrs. LaRue," returns in "Detective LaRue: Letters from the Investigation." (Scholastic, \$15.95.)

But some of the most interesting new releases are geared for older readers, and several are reminiscent of the Harry Potter books or Philip Pullman's "The Golden Compass."

Marcus Sedgwick's "Book of Dead Days" (Wendy Lamb Books, \$15.95), hits bookstores this week.

Set in an old European-style city between Christmas and New Year's — the "dead days" of the title — this fantastical tale follows a magician's frantic search for a mysterious book. The magician, Valerian, has sold his soul to the devil and the debt's coming due. Advance reviews called the book haunting and suspenseful.

J.K. Rowling's next, "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," will be released someday, but for now,

twin djinns debut in P.B. and Philip Kerr's "The Akhenaten Adventure" (Orchard, \$16.95). Perfectly normal middle-schoolers John and Philippa suddenly discover they have unorthodox talents in this funny novel, the first in a new series called "Children of the Lamp." From New York, they're shipped off to London for djinn training, before heading to Cairo.

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2. "Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell," by Susanna Clarke. (Bloomsbury, \$27.95.)
3. "The Sunday Philosophy Club," by Alexander McCall Smith. (Pantheon, \$19.95.)
4. "The System of the World," by Neal Stephenson. (William Morrow, \$27.95.)
5. "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$24.95.)
6. "The Dark Tower," by Stephen King. (Donald M. Grant/Scribner, \$35.)
7. "Snow," by Orhan Pamuk. (Knopf, \$26.)
8. "The Inner Circle," by T.C. Boyle. (Viking, \$25.95.)
9. "Trace," by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$26.95.)
10. "Skinny Dip," by Carl Hiaasen. (Knopf, \$24.95.)

Nonfiction

1. "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart Presents America," by Jon Stewart and The Daily Show Staff. (Warner, \$24.95.)
2. "The Family," by Kitty Kelley. (Doubleday, \$29.95.)
3. "In the Shadow of No Towers," by Art Spiegelman. (Pantheon, \$19.95.)
4. "Chain of Command," Seymour M. Hersh. (HarperCollins, \$25.95.)
5. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," by David Sedaris. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.)
6. "All I Did Was Ask," by Terry Gross. (Hyperion, \$24.45.)
7. "Democracy Matters," by Cornel West. (Penguin, \$24.95.)
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9. "Family First," by Dr. Phil McGraw. (Free Press, \$26.)
10. "Eats, Shoots and Leaves," by Lynne Truss. (Gotham, \$17.50.)

Trade paperback fiction

1. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$14.)
2. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," by Mark Haddon.

- (Vintage, \$12.)
3. "The Namesake," by Jhumpa Lahiri. (Mariner, \$14.)
4. "Middlesex," by Jeffrey Eugenides. (Picador, \$15.)
5. "The Known World," by Edward P. Jones. (Amistad, \$13.95.)
6. "The Secret Life of Bees," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Penguin, \$14.)
7. "The Time Traveler's Wife," by Audrey Niffenegger. (Harvest, \$14.)
8. "Quicksilver," by Neal Stephenson. (Perennial, \$15.95.)
9. "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency," by Alexander McCall Smith. (Anchor, \$11.95.)
10. "Old School," by Tobias Wolff. (Vintage, \$12.95.)

Trade paperback nonfiction

1. "Reading Lolita in Tehran," by Azar Nafisi. (Random House, \$13.95.)
2. "A Short History of Nearly Everything," by Bill Bryson. (Broadway, \$15.95.)
3. "The 9/11 Commission Report," by National Commission on Terrorist Attacks. (Norton, \$10.)
4. "Zagat San Francisco/Bay Area Restaurants," (ZagatSurvey, \$12.95.)
5. "Under the Banner of Heaven," by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor, \$14.95.)
6. "Stiff," by Mary Roach. (Norton, \$13.95.)
7. "Almost French," by Sarah Turnbull. (Gotham, \$13.)
8. "Lies and the Lying Liars That Tell Them," by Al Franken. (Plume, \$14.)
9. "The Opposite of Fate," by Amy Tan. (Penguin, \$15.)
10. "Persepolis," by Marjane Satrapi. (Pantheon, \$11.95.)

Mass market paperback

1. "Angels & Demons," by Dan Brown. (Pocket, \$7.99.)
2. "Blow Fly," by Patricia Cornwell. (Berkeley, \$7.99.)
3. "Blacklist," by Sara Paretsky. (Signet, \$7.99.)
4. "Digital Fortress," by Dan Brown. (St. Martin's, \$7.99.)
5. "Deception Point," by Dan Brown. (Pocket, \$7.99.)

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Festival

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Also in the short-but-cynical comedy section is "Mad Twin," (Sunday, 9:45 p.m.) a farce of the high-school cheerleader/jock-versus-greaser paradigm. When one of the twins on a local high-school cheering squad gets a nose job and opts for the bad boy down at the ice cream parlor, all hell breaks loose. This satire was written and produced by real-life SoCal twins Lisa and Amy Kohn.

Vapour and Blake are especially proud of Andrew Hasse's "My Friend Friedrich," (Saturday, 11:30 p.m.) a short romantic comedy that showcases what happens when a college nerd starts taking romantic advice from the ghost of the German nihilist. Haase, a recent NVU film school graduate, once attended EBMC's summer Media Camp and is now a Berkeley animator.

For those of us who survived the dot-com boom-and-bust, Daniel Gamburg's "IPO" (Sunday, 8 p.m.) is a reminder of the heady days of endless investor capital in mad schemes like "hot-tot.com," an enterprise to produce custom babies.

"We're in the peopling business," says the movie's spunky marketing chick.

There are coked-up investors, intercouple dramas of every variety (straight, lesbian, gay) and the high-energy chaos that reigned for that brief period of money, money, money.

"These days, people need a little comic and visual relief," Vapour said. "UC Berkeley students are die-hard film buffs and we've adjusted our ticket prices for this poor Bush economy and the war. After all, it's a real bargain to see these new emerging artists," he says of the \$5 one-day student pass.



THINKFILM

OUR HEADS? David Sullivan and Shane Carruth carry the profound "Primer."

'Primer' huge mental challenge

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

"Primer," a science-fiction film made for only \$7,500, won the Grand Jury prize at the Sundance Film Festival this year. Its director, Shane Carruth, also wrote the screenplay, produced the film, and is very good in one of the starring roles.

In all, an extraordinarily brave debut. Carruth, a one-engineer, is clearly a young man with a great future in film. To my own shortcomings, I guess is that I understand about half of what was going on. If I watched "Primer" five times, I think I might get it. It's even more of a mental challenge than "Memento." But I believe that eventually, it will make sense; Carruth is a kind of filmmaker who invests confidence, to the point where one doubts there are holes in the cryptic script.

Young engineers spend a little free time they have after their corporate jobs fiddling with inventions in their (Carruth) garage. After a mild disagreement over who's doing, Aaron and David (Sullivan) peel off and continue experimenting on their own. They've built a device with gears and parts swiped from a store bought from Wal-Mart. Carruth's wife may have some missing components from her vacuum cleaner — it's that kind of home-

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Primer"
- **STARRING:** Shane Carruth, David Sullivan
- **RATING:** PG-13 (language)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 20 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at the Act 1 and 2, Berkeley, and the Lumiere, S.F.
- **GRADE:** B

astounding rate. He puts his watch in and discovers that time moves at a different pace inside their machine.

That is the distilled version of what happens; in between is a lot of intense talk about physics and relativity and space. At this point, the movie feels like an extended version of those conversations between doctors on "ER," where they exchange medical information that sounds like Greek to the rest of us. The difference is that on "ER," the jargon stops after a minute or two and we can all go back to worrying about Carter's love life. In "Primer," you just sit there feeling lost, but certain that something interesting is happening.

Aaron and Abe have seen or read enough science fiction to understand they must be careful about what they alter by going back in time. But they are also a pair of bitter corporate lackeys, eager to get ahead. As the capabilities of the device really dawn on them, they weigh their financial options. After toying with the idea of buying winning lottery tickets, they decide to play the stock market.

Time machines, of course, al-

ways lead to moral dilemmas about destiny and determinism. Aaron and Abe soon find themselves tussling over changing the past in other ways. It's always important not to give away key plot information, but in this case, even if I wanted to, I couldn't tell you exactly what happens. The movie is that much of a mind game.

"Primer" is simply too much of a challenge to get it all on the first go-round, which is going to be a serious drawback for a lot of moviegoers. I find myself divided about it. After all, "Ulysses" isn't exactly a breeze to read, but it's still considered one of the greatest books ever written. One thing can be said with confidence: Those who really respond to "Primer" will be content to watch it again and again until they unravel it all.

What I admire even more than the movie's intricacy and imagination is the sheer economy of filmmaking. Not just the dollar figure, but the way Carruth tells his story with so few props, absolutely no special effects and essentially only two actors, without ever making us feel as though anything is missing.

These two guys, wearing their white shirts and ties, simply walk or sit around, talking together in a very natural, non-actorly way, and yet they evoke a whole world. It's a basic character study, reminiscent of Neil LaBute's "In the Company of Men," which also featured a couple of white-collar workers sitting around talking. Yet this movie manages to be effective about a topic as complex and difficult to render as time travel. That's what makes "Primer" truly memorable.

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

More to talk about on AM dial

I'VE BEEN LISTENING a lot lately to "The Quake," the new liberal, Air America station at 960 AM. It's a pleasant departure, hearing a liberal (not leftist) station on the AM band instead of only right-wingers (KSFO, KNEW).

Finally, there is a wide range of talk choices on local AM radio, where most talk is found. At 960 AM, Al Franken's Air America morning show is funny; Ed Schultz, who follows him, sounds uncannily like Rush Limbaugh (a liberal version); and Air America afternoon host Randi Rhodes reminds me of Joan Rivers (i.e., she's annoying).

Recently, I chatted with one of the top execs in local talk radio — and one of its shrewdest observers — about what impact KQKE ("The Quake," shades of Alex Bennett's home here in the '80s) might have in the local ratings.

Jack Swanson is the veteran operations manager of both the Bay Area's top-rated station, KGO-AM, as well as conservative talker KSFO. Swanson says of Air America: "I think it's going to have the biggest impact on stations already listened to by liberals, KPFA in Berkeley and NPR." (NPR's KQED-FM here gets big ratings.)

"What surprises me about the new liberal station," reveals Swanson, "is how little Clear Channel is promoting it. If you want to tell the market you're here, let them know. I've seen no bus ads, nothing," he adds, "and it's the start of the big fall ratings book." The new local Air America affiliate, which had been slated for a small Berkeley AM signal months ago and never got off the ground, is being done on the cheap, Swanson says: "It doesn't really cost Clear Channel anything. The shows are all syndicated, and there's been no need to hire talent, producers, or engineers."

It has no local components," he says, and that could hurt the "Quake."

Swanson adds: "San Francisco may be a liberal city, but many Bay Area listeners are in 'collar communities.' Napa and Contra Costa, for example, aren't really liberal." Swanson also reveals that word inside the industry is that Clear Channel, viewed as a conservative company but better viewed as a bottom-line business, might "flip" a couple of dozen of its many AM stations to become Air America affiliates — good news for the struggling Franken et al. That's because of recent criticism of Clear Channel's donations to the GOP, Swanson says.

With Air America, talk listeners here now have a buffet of choices, especially between 9 a.m. and noon, as they drive around and punch in stations: Al Franken's Bush-bashing Air America show on KQKE is usually funny; KGO has tiresome schmoozer Ronn Owens and its Disney sister station KSFO has the blovating Limbaugh; KNBR features the entertaining Gary Radnich (note: Radnich has puckishly taken to calling me "the great Bill Mann" lately on his show, so it's only fair to plug him); over on FM, KQED has Michael Krasny's thoughtful "Forum." And there's also KPFA's more extreme politics.

Swanson then offers this interesting tidbit about NPR's wildly popular weekend call-in show, "Car Talk," featuring Tom and Ray Magliozzi, aka "Click and Clack, The Tappet Brothers."

"Commercial radio has been trying to lure those guys away from public radio for years," says Swanson. "But they can't afford them. They're paid too much by NPR."

Many people think public radio is this little, struggling institution," Swanson says with a chuckle. "It's not."

Swanson has this realistic, bottom-line overview of talk radio today: "At the end of the day, the entertainers always win, whatever their politics. The number-one rule in broadcasting is: 'Don't bore me.'"

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NEW LITERARY OFFERINGS for children pack display shelves at a recent publishers' event.

Something for every young reader

■ A richly varied array of funny and fantastic yarns for kids are rolling off the presses

By Jackie Burrell
STAFF WRITER

Grim grottoes, highland warriors and the hares of the Long Patrol Regiment — so many books and so little time. How does a parent even begin to choose?

Parents eager to start holiday shopping may be wondering what the perfect volume might be to turn a reluctant reader into a book lover.

It's not always the book one expects, said Berkeley High School English teacher Rick Ayers, co-author with Amy Crawford of "Great Books for High School Kids." Conventional wisdom holds that you give a jock a book about athletes, but that doesn't always work, said Ayers.

"It's surprising how often students are interested in what's not about themselves, something on the other side of the world," he said. "Catcher in the Rye" is often given to students, and sometimes they like it. In high school, you

can pretty much read what adults read. Give them lots of options."

On Saturday, Ayers, Crawford and Walter the Giant Storyteller — book expert Walter Mayes — were part of a panel discussion at Cody's Books that focused on choosing books for kids, from preschoolers to teens.

Ayers advocates large classroom — or home — libraries, rich in international as well as American books, classics and new books. His students generally love books by Louise Erdrich and Barbara Kingsolver, and he's also had good success with Russell Banks' "Rule of the Bone" (HarperPerennial, \$13), but publishers are churning out increasing numbers of titles every year.

"There's something for everyone," he said. Mayes, who wrote "Valerie and Walter's Best Books for Children" with Valerie Lewis, tells parents to turn their kids loose in libraries, and balance those \$16 hardcover purchases by encouraging them to browse book bins at swap meets and garage sales.

"It's important that your child have a shelf of books that are hers," Mayes said.

That includes picture books for all ages. Mayes loves Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith's new

"Science Verse" (Viking \$16.99). Scieszka and Smith's clever book will appeal to third- and fourth-graders — and 14-year-olds, too.

Alcatraz is the setting for Mayes' new favorite book for 9- to 12-year-olds: Gennifer Choldenko's "Al Capone Does My Shirts" (Putnam \$15.99). For teens, he loves David Levithan's genre-twisting "Realm of Possibility" (Knopf \$15.95), a novel told in verse by 20 different high school voices.

"It's about being loved, getting dumped, getting your thoughts down on paper," Mayes said. "It's brilliant."

With the sheer volume of books rolling off printing presses, keeping track of Baudelaire orphans, twin djinns and the clodder-trogs of Sanctaphrax taxes even the experts.

Rheem fourth-grade teacher Ruth Manlove pores over book reviews, reads prodigiously and attends literary events at Cody's Books and Storyteller to keep current. The Moraga school-teacher was there Tuesday night when Random House's Dandy Conway, Scholastic's Roz Hilden and Simon and Schuster's Kelly Stidham, the boa-clad "Publisher

Divas," touted mysterious adventures, hilarious coming-of-age tales and colorful picture books.

The parent-teacher education event quickly took on the tones of a book club or kaffeeklatsch, as they talked about the newest titles.

Teachers discussed their students' reactions and booksellers confessed their love for characters such as Indigo Casson, 12-year-old star of Hilary McKay's critically acclaimed "Indigo Star" (McElderry \$15.95), one of four Casson children named after colors on their artistic mother's palette — Cadmium, Saffron, Indigo and Rose. Classroom bullies — and their predilection for flushing victims' heads in the school toilet — are why peace-loving Indigo dreads school, but a new classmate and his own little sister change his tune in this warm, funny tale about the power of family and friends.

This fall brings plenty of picture books, including Judy Sierra and Marc Brown's "Wild About Books" (Knopf, \$16.95), the story of a librarian who accidentally drives her bookmobile to the zoo. Unfazed, she converts the animals into avid readers and writers.

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Video, film festival steps out into world

■ This year's event features 12 categories and reflects the emergence of the digital short and feature

By Clyde Blue
CORRESPONDENT

Eight bucks barely gets you into a matinee these days. But this weekend, it can get you into a day's worth of feature films, documentaries, music videos and animation (for students, \$8 gets a two-day pass).

From little beginnings at Berkeley High's Florence Schwimley Theater, the Berkeley Video and Film Festival has gone global.

Now in its 11th year, BVFF, the brainchild of Mel Vapour and Paul Kealoha Blake of the East Bay Media Center, has been favorably compared to the Sundance Film Festival's "Shorts" weekend.

"We are very pleased to be screening the many documentary works that are having a global, social, cultural and political impact," said BVFF director Vapour.

This year's festival, with 12 separate categories, also reflects the emergence of the digital short and feature, as well as traditional works in film, such as "Nothing Really Happens (Memories of Aging Strippers)," "Photo Finish," "The Empty Building" and "The Stopped Channel."

The BVFF has grown so much over the years that it will again be screened over three days. Saturday and Sunday will feature 22 hours and 62 individual projects. Blake, Vapour and a local panel of videographers and filmmakers sifted through every entry — there



THE BERKELEY Video and Film Festival hosts premieres of many works, including Cliff Roth's "The Stopped Channel," which will be shown tonight at 10:45.

were more than 200 this year — to come up with the lineup.

BVFF has a little bit of everything: feature films (short and full-length), comedies, music videos and animation — 12 categories in all. As in the past, however, the strongest fare is the documentaries.

In this election season, two documentaries about the Bush presidency are notable: "Unconstitutional: The War on Our Civil Liberties," (Saturday, 8 p.m.) and "There's Something About W," (Sunday, 7:30 p.m.) both pieces that take a hard look at the Bush White House.

"Unconstitutional" was pro-

duced by Nonny De la Pena and is presented by the Robert Greenwald Group, the same team that recently brought "Outfoxed" and "Uncovered: The War in Iraq" to national cinematic prominence. The film begins a local Bay Area run on Saturday evening at Wheeler.

"Mauna Kea: Temple Under Siege," (Sunday, 5:20 p.m.) highlights the tensions between astronomers, the University of Hawaii, and Native Hawaiians over one of the islands' most sacred spots. One of the interviewees in Na Maka o ka 'Aina's film lays the conflict bare: "You come to look at the stars while

IF YOU GO

WHAT: 11th annual Berkeley Video and Film Festival
WHERE: Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley

WHEN: Tonight, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-17. Tonight's show begins at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday at 12:45 p.m.

TICKETS/INFO: \$8 one day, \$15 two-day pass, \$17 three-day pass. Student prices \$5, \$8 and \$10, respectively.

trampling all beneath your feet."

Filmmakers are able to tie in a nearly identical struggle between Apaches and a newer observatory run by the University of Arizona.

Bill Schwartz's "Howard Hughes: The Real Aviator" (Saturday, 4:30) tells the story of the nascent billionaire's quite literal ascent from the presidency of a tool-manufacturing company to a record-breaking pilot and movie producer with starlets on his arm. Before his final, sad days in Las Vegas, Hughes was an iconic figure in the American imagination.

On a lighter note, Cliff Roth's "The Stopped Channel" (today at 10:45 p.m.) makes its world premiere at BVFF. "Stoned" is a wicked send-up of the modern era of enforced drug testing in the workplace, a mind trip for a television programmer who falls asleep and dreams up an online Amsterdam, with programs like "What's the Hempening," "Ganja Gourmet" and the "Stoned Channel Travel Club," where hosts travel to Nepal and find some, um, spiritual enlightenment.

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JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

New work in Berkeley

CENTRAL WORK highly regarded "Make-Plays" — put out with a new production "A Step Away" — pre-tomorrow for a run at the City Club, 2315 Divisadero.

In this new work, playwright Myrna Holtz plumbs the depths of desire about modern features Deborah Fink Oliver and Jan Zvaifler. Graves is the director.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. the price is pay-what-you-wish.

"A Step Away" from opens Saturday and through Nov. 21 plays days, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$38. Additional pay-what-you-wish performances will be on Oct. 28. Call 510-558-1111.

"GHOST" GOES AWOL: "Ghost in the Machine" by David Gilman, latest by Jordan Winer's Actors Ensemble (APE), opens tonight in the APE Space, 510 Eighth St., Berkeley, weekends.

The story: Two magicians discover a small passage in a random piece of computer-generated music. Holy or hokey?

A suggested donation of \$25 admits you to this minute puzzler presented by one of the East Bay's (since February) and theaters. Call 510-332-1111.

IT'S MISCELLANY: Here's a scattering of theater-related items to attention on Saturday.

How about a 15th-century afternoon tea party for Wilde? Wilde Irish Pro (they've also done some evening work at the Berkeley Club) is hosting what? Whelan, artistic director Breda Courtney, executive director, say will be "a Wilde party with music and theatrical performance."

The date and festivities at 4:30 p.m., will be Panoramic Room at the Building, 2116 Alston Berkeley. The benefit for Irish Productions costs tax-deductible. (Wilde 501c3 non-profit org.) Better book early. Space is limited. Call 9940.

AIMI FINE! GOODIES: other Saturday benefit gun Players' annual extravaganza, going 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2139.

That's off University of San Pablo Avenue.

Goodies for discount purchase, according to announcement, include nice furniture, electronic clothing, costumes, kitchen and bath ware "cool '70s collectibles."

And as usual, the "this yearly production of m-m-m — baked goods by your very own Stoners." Usually reliable say founder and artist Patrick Dooley and game mean yard-sale table.

"NOISES OFF" SET: Contra Costa Civic Theater 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, holding a "Noises Off" Party Saturday, Oct. 16 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We provide lunch, CCCT folks, 'you provide help. Wear close-toed shoes, your grubbies. No expensive necessary." (I think the elementary hammering of our paintbrush.) "We are our sets without your help."

Of course, there's benefit for work party who attend "Noises Off" on the 2004-05 season. 22. You get bragging on the side of the stage, "you your family and friends show." "That's some of work. Rather artistic, you say?"

For more information, 510-524-6654 or visit the Web site at www.noisesoff.com

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Section D

trip back to the 'good old days'

Warps at Alameda's
Classic Car Show on Park
Street last Saturday

DENNIS EVANOSKY

cars from the 1950s, hot
rod cars, muscle cars,
and vintage automo-
biles of them—all went

from the 1970s the show had
something to offer. Whether the en-
gines or the carefully polished cars
themselves held your interest, the
car show had it all.

And the show was not just for
those of us who don't know a Ford
from a Chevy, either. The experts
were there in force. If you listened
carefully to the chatter among the
owners and you could catch glints

Nearly I had to look twice, then
a third time. Was that a lavender-
colored 1957 Chevy looking back
at me? Well, owner Dave Lechtaler
told me, it wasn't quite lavender, it
was metallic purple, but that was
close enough for me.

You see, in 1963, I bought a
pretty beat up 1957 Chevy. I
wanted to paint it lavender, but got
some parental opposition. I had al-



LECHTALER AND HIS METALLIC PURPLE '57 CHEVY. Lechtaler's beauty brought a flood of
cars that transported the writer to a more mischievous time in his life.

At Alameda last Satur-
day, 400 shiny vehicles strut-
ted to thousands of auto-
philes and folks like me, the
curious. I went to "take a
look at the paper; stay
a while."
Three hours later I was still
there, the cars lined up on
Park Street from
Vista Avenue all the way up
to the top of the hill. If
you're a fan of the
early 20th cen-
tury muscle car

of conversations about new weld-
ing wire, making carbon fibers and
finding inexpensive sand paper.

Want to learn how to get rid of
that rust for good? Or how about
installing that underdash kill switch?
Or legal issues with fuel tanks?
These and more topics filled the air
on Park Street.

And I swear that was Wolfman
Jack at Park and Alameda filling
the air with songs from the past like
Teen Angel, Tell Laura I Love Her
and Stagger Lee.

ready stripped off all the chrome
and applied a coat of brown primer
on my car. What was I going to do?

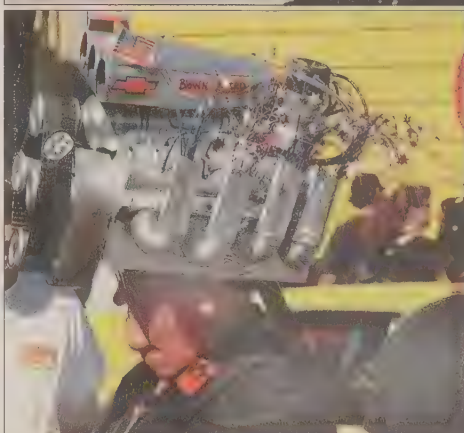
Then a fellow '57 Chevy lover
offered me \$150 for all the chrome.
I had only paid \$125 for the whole
car, so I didn't hesitate to take my
profit, while I kept the car. The
primer stayed and the "Brown Be-
hemoth" was born.

I kept her for two more years
and was proud of the car's looks,

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PHOTOS BY DENNIS EVANOSKY



AUTO AFICIONADOS had a
lot to enjoy at last Saturday's
Classic Car Show on Park
Street in Alameda, above.
Some even came dressed for
the occasion, left.

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1967 Jaguar XKE, 2+2 first love; still smitten after 32 years

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We have to admire men who know what they want and go out in the world and achieve their dreams, men like Louis Pasteur, Thomas Edison, Orville and Wilbur Wright and, of course, Jack Stewart.

Ever since Stewart, was a schoolboy he was enamored with the sleek cars.

In 1961, when Jaguar introduced the aerodynamic E-Type roadster and coupe he was in rapture. When the 2+2 model was introduced, he was hopelessly captivated.

He saved his money and in 1972, just before his junior year in high school in Albion, Ill., Stewart took a train with his mother to Chicago to visit his older sister who was in college.

While mother and sister were otherwise occupied, young Stewart

found the local Jaguar dealer. On the used car lot sat a maroon 1967 Jaguar E-Type 2+2, "I had my heart set on a Jaguar," and "I always thought that a 2+2 would be more practical than the roadster or coupe.

"Only later did I learn that there is nothing practical about that car." There were an "estimated" 30,000 miles on a replaced speedometer.

Stewart recalls. He cut a deal with the dealer, and after obtaining an adult's signature — his mother's — the car was delivered to his sister's address the next day. "It's scary thinking back about it," Stewart says of the day he bought his first — and only — car.

The day it was delivered Stewart and his mother left Chicago in the Jaguar on the 300-mile trip to their downstate home. The journey was uneventful, until the speedometer cable slipped off. Nevertheless it was probably just as well that his

mother couldn't tell how fast the car was going. As with many Jaguars of that vintage, Stewart's was not always in running condition.

The good news was that he lived across the street from the high school. By the time graduation arrived, the young owner had familiarized himself with all the mechanical quirks of the car and could repair most any part of his car.

Come September, he drove the Jaguar off to college in Indiana, a trip of 150 miles.

During the next four years he made countless trips home in all sorts of weather. "It's been real good about not stranding me," he says gratefully.

He has learned that his 15.33-foot-long Jaguar weighs 3,090 pounds and is supported on a 105-inch wheelbase on 70-spoke, chrome-plated wire wheels.

"This was the last year Jaguar offered authentic knock-off hubs,"

he says. In order for the small rear seat to be habitable, the length of the car was stretched 9 inches and the roofline of the 2+2 model was raised.

This brings the roofline of the sleek dual overhead cam 4.2-liter engine up to the 5-foot mark. His 265-horsepower vehicle left the factory with the optional automatic transmission and an AM radio.

After a quarter century, the maroon paint was showing its age, despite the fact Stewart had garaged the car during the winter months and used public transportation. He had the rust-free car resprayed to like-new appearance.

Over the years, he has never let anything on his car get out of hand. On a trip to New York City he lost a radiator fan in Pennsylvania which was quickly replaced.

Some may never find satisfaction. But for Jack Stewart he has made his choice and life is good.



CLASSIC 1967 JAGUAR XKE is the only car Jack Stewart has ever owned.



HOODS ARE UP AND ENGINES ON DISPLAY at last Saturday's Classic Car Show on Park Street in Alameda.

Time Warp

FROM PAGE D1

and even prouder that I was not allowed to drive it onto the high school parking lot. "We can not allow something like that on our property," I remember Father Paul, the school principal saying as I tried to hide a growing smirk.

Hey, I thought as I looked at Dave's car, maybe I'll break the rules. This afternoon after school, I'll walk down the street to the Brown Behemoth.

I'll turn on the radio, wait for a good song to come on, maybe something by the Rolling Stones (I wasn't allowed to listen to them at home).

But, alas. I found myself on Park Street in the year 2004, the Brown Behemoth just a memory. I realized the most exciting thing planned was a large mocha at Peets.

There we go: Get On Perfect.

Now I'll turn it up through the school parking lot.

So I had gone to a car show and take a few photos and self-standing next to the school's time machine. Brown Behemoth the school parking lot in 1967 the Stones on my car.

What a gas.

But, alas. I found myself on Park Street in the year 2004, the Brown Behemoth just a memory. I realized the most exciting thing planned was a large mocha at Peets.

Maybe I'll hum a few of the Stones' song while I'm my coffee. That'll show

Piaggio's X9 500cc Maxi-scooter: A new way to get around on two wheels

ARV VOSS
Two-Wheeling Today

The world is ever changing, and apparently, so is the perception of what constitutes a motor scooter. There was a time when scooters were in no way perceived to be anywhere near encroaching upon the genre of the motorcycle.

Scooters have traditionally been

simply held to be economical, two-wheeled forms of transport, extremely nimble and responsive in tight quarters and capable of carrying up to two people with limited cargo efficiently from point "A" to point "B." That view hasn't really changed significantly, but the mechanical and physical makeup of the scooter is changing dramatically and rapidly in today's world.

Enter the "Super" or "Maxi"

scooters into today's scooter world. They represent a relatively new and growing segment in the U.S. marketplace.

Most motorcycle manufacturers have added at least one scooter model to their product lineup, with some catering to the more traditional scooter image, and others focusing on the super or maxi category. Piaggio, manufacturer of the world famous Vespa Scooter line, has just introduced its version of the Maxi-Scooter: The Piaggio X9 Evolution 500.

What exactly is a super or maxi-scooter, and what makes it a scooter rather than a motorcycle? A super or maxi-scooter generally has an engine that is 250-cc or larger, whereas most traditional scooters fall into the 200-cc or less power range.

Wheels and tires are usually larger than conventional scooters (but still smaller than those found

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A glimpse at the 2005 Mustang V6

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

The package: Midsize, two-door, four-passenger, rear-wheel-drive, V-6-powered coupe.

Highlights: Retro styling cues from the 1967 Mustang fastback makes this newest generation of Ford's pony car an instant hit as the brand moves into its 41st year. The package is part modern, part blast-from-the-past, yet with enough state-of-the-art engineering to make this the best Mustang yet.

Negatives: The base tires were a bit slippery on tight turns.

Engine: 4.0-liter V-6.

Transmission: Five-speed automatic (five-speed manual is standard).

Power/torque: 215 horsepower/240 foot-pounds.

Length: 187.6 inches.

Curb weight: 3,387 pounds (with automatic gearbox).

Trunk capacity: 13.1 cubic feet.

Brakes, front/rear: Disc/disc, antilock optional.

Fuel capacity/type: 16.0 gallons/unleaded regular.

EPA fuel economy: 19 miles per gallon city/25 highway (automatic transmission); 19 city/28 highway (manual).

Major competitors: Honda Accord coupe, Toyota Camry Solara, Dodge Stratus/Chrysler Sebring coupes, Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

Base price: \$19,995 (Premium model, including freight).

Price as tested: \$23,575 (including freight and options, such as automatic transmission, leather interior, antilock brakes and sport appearance package).

On the Road rating: (five stars out of five).

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An electronic immobilizer system is standard, ensuring greater protection against theft. Braking is done compliments of two front Brembo "Serie Oro" floating discs, both 260 mm in diameter, and a 240 mm rear disc, all 5 mm thick. The system is linked front and rear.

Wheels

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on motorcycles). Most scooters, regardless of size, have no clutch to operate, but rather feature a Continuously Variable Transmission which negates the need for a clutch lever.

The riding position of scooters differ from that of motorcycles, too, in that one sits atop a scooter with a full floorboard between the seat-shrouded motor and transmission, and the front, which generally includes a fairing, a fender, handlebars and controls. Oh, and maxi-scooters, for the most part, cost more than smaller scooters.

I recently participated in the launch of the Piaggio X9 Evolution 500, wherein a group of journalists rode from Piaggio's U.S. headquarters in Long Beach up the coast to Santa Barbara day one, and returning the next.

It was my first two-wheeled experience on Southern California's super-crowded freeways, and also my first time for "lane-splitting".

The first day was a tad harrowing to say the least, while the second day's return leg was more comfortable as I approached it with a good deal more confidence and was able to settle into a smoother, flowing rhythm.

Total focus is necessary when splitting lanes, as rear view mirrors pose a major concern. My X9 scooter's mirrors passed above the mirrors of some vehicles, and below the mirrors of others.

Many motorists don't appreciate the convenience afforded cyclists or scooterists, and actually move over to block the way.

Some, either unconsciously, or perhaps intentionally, dispose of coffee, cigarettes and even spit. Lane splitting is an "at risk" exercise that came about to allow continued movement in heavy traffic in the interest of providing air flow for air cooled motors, thereby preventing even more stalls and greater traffic congestion.

The Piaggio X9 Evolution is ideal for lane splitting or any other kind of commuting, because of its size, power, capability and economic operation. The engine is a 500-cc single-cylinder, liquid-cooled four-stroke, 4-valve Piaggio MASTER with electronic fuel injection, counter-rotating balancer shaft and two-stage catalytic exhaust.

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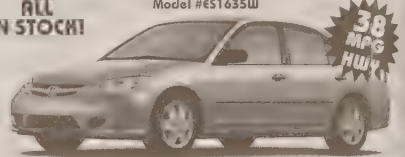


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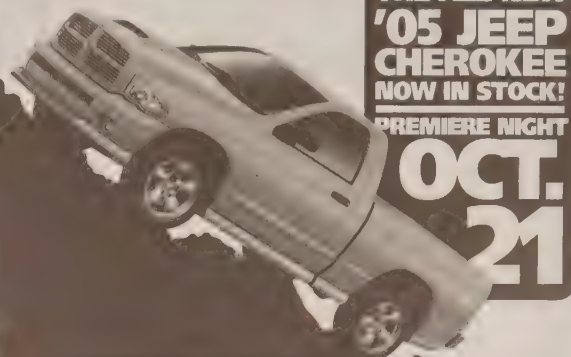
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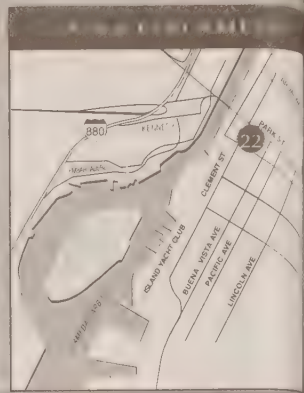
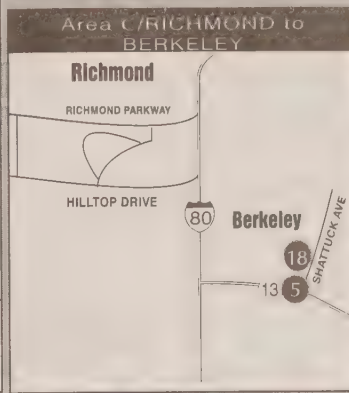
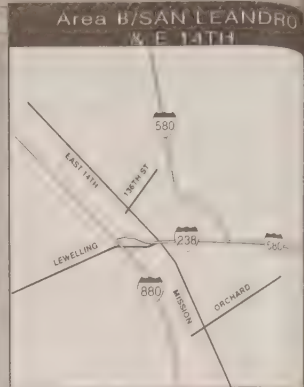
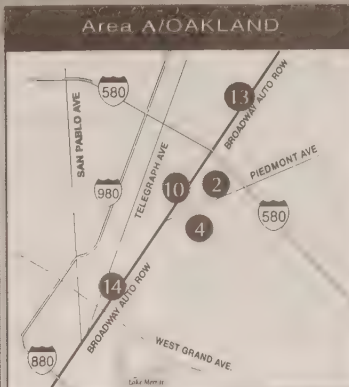
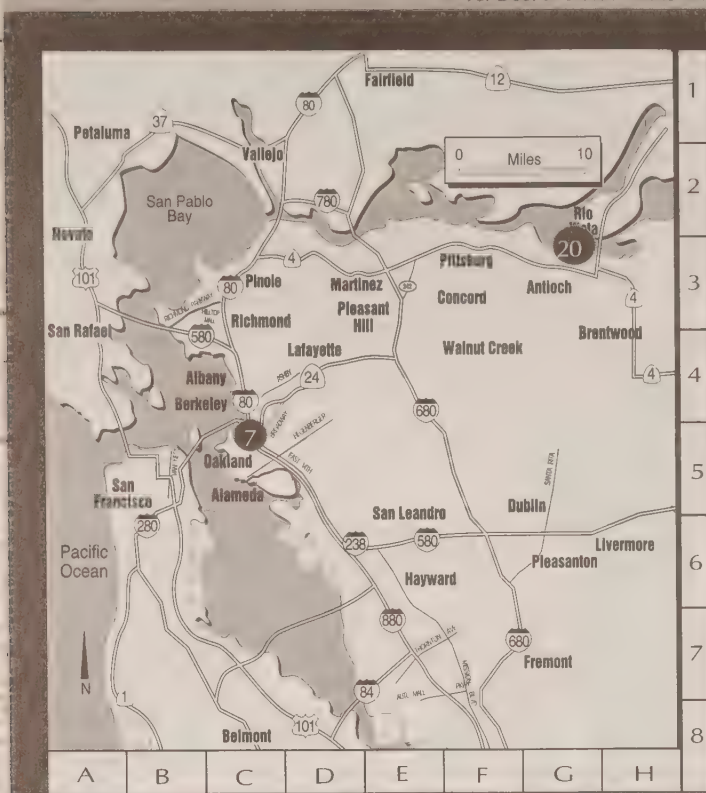
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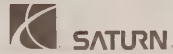
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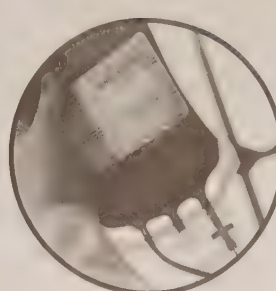
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ANALYST I, QA/QC

Provide QA visual inspection of filled/packaged product; verify acceptable procedures have been followed; perform label inspection procedures including visual inspection of labeled product for placement of labeling process; and perform area inspections both before and during filling/labeling/packaging procedures. Also, determine appropriate number of samples required for release testing and retention purposes, and assure samples are delivered to appropriate areas according to defined requirements. Requires a high school diploma and 1-2 years of experience or AA and 0-1 years of experience. Knowledge of GMPs and Quality System Regulations and ISO requirements. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002534-DB.

ASSISTANT II, DOCUMENTATION

Duties for this position include coordinating the review and approval of documents in the Atlas System, compliance with cGMP and FDA guidelines and additional GMP operations, and additional quality standards addressed in Chiron's Quality Manual (SOPQD-04). Additional tasks include maintaining computer databases. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002195-DB.

ASSOCIATE IV, CLINICAL RESEARCH

Ensure that clinical trials are conducted in a timely manner and in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures, the principles of Good Clinical Practice, Good Laboratory Practice, and all applicable FDA, HIPAA and global regulations governing the conduct of clinical trials. Requires CLS, SBB or CIS, a BA/BS in Clinical Science or Science, with a minimum of 3 years of CRA experience and 6 years of related experience conducting or assisting with clinical trials or working in a regulated clinical laboratory or blood center. Knowledge of clinical laboratories, quality control and quality assurance, phlebotomy, hematology, coagulation, microbiology and blood banking to include a background with molecular testing procedures. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002586-DB.

ASSOCIATE II, REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Assist the Blood Testing Regulatory Affairs Manager in regulatory activities/responsibilities for the preparation of domestic and international regulatory filings, including filings and creation of BLA amendments and Supplements, and country specific product registration and support as required. Requires BA/BS degree in the Biological Sciences or commensurate work experience. Minimum of 1-3 years experience in regulatory affairs, specifically direct relevant experience in a regulated environment involving in vitro diagnostics regulated either as biologics or medical devices. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002537-DB.

ASSOCIATE III, RESEARCH

Position in Davis. Validate and characterize novel cancer-causing genes by conducting cell biology, biochemical, and molecular biology research. Position contributes to experimental design and interpretation of data; communicates research results at group meetings and/or company-wide meetings; provides feedback during others presentation of results; writes experimental protocols; prepare internal reports; maintains lab notebooks; reviews scientific literature; and prepare information to aid in scientific research. Requires college degree in a scientific discipline. Minimum of 5 years related experience with a Bachelor's degree, or minimum of 2 years experience with a Master's degree or equivalent. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002627-RK.

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER III

Responsible for providing Product Support for the Chiron Procleix systems. Also involved in the development support of the Procleix automated Systems. Evaluate customer complaints; design system improvements; support existing Procleix hardware, software and associated accessories; and implement second vendor qualification processes. Accountable for identification of key barriers to improve instrument hardware reliability, including hazards and acceptable risk resolution. Requires a BS in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering. Minimum 5 to 10 years experience in the medical device industry. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002276-DB.

DIRECTOR, CLINICAL (MD)

Manage the development and medical monitoring of clinical trials. Design, prepare and initiate study protocols and other required documentation in compliance with project plans, federal regulations, GCP, and good medical practice. Research and select investigators, analyze and interpret study data, and prepare reports for FDA and publication. Requires MD with a strong background in infectious diseases/pediatrics/preventive medicine, and familiarity with clinical trials. Vaccine trial experience highly desired. Please send resume to jobs@chiron.com, referencing job 44001905-KO.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT III

Provide advanced legal administrative support to the General Counsel. Independently carry out projects requiring a high degree of experience, technical skills, judgment and initiative. Maintain computerized calendars and filing systems; interface with senior management and attorneys; and schedule and coordinate meetings. Requires excellent administrative/secretarial skills with demonstrated ability to effectively handle multiple projects at one time. Must be able to handle confidential matters with the highest level of discretion, as well as screening from others the existence of such matters. 5+ years experience supporting senior level attorneys required. Additional requirements include PC proficiency, Dictaphone and excellent telecommunication skills. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002454-DB.

MANAGER, QA

Coordinate activities associated with DR resolution for clinical products; track status of outstanding DRs; organize cross-functional meetings to facilitate investigations; publish notes and action items from meetings; lead QA evaluation, investigation process, and follow-up to assure timely DR closure; summarize investigational data/information; and prepare written QA evaluations of investigations. Requires BA/BS in the Biological Sciences, at least 6 years related technical experience, and at least 2 years in a supervisory capacity with significant QA experience. Knowledge of biologics and drug manufacturing processes from fermentation to final container finishing desirable. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002505-JS.

MANAGER, QA

Develop, communicate and implement QA policies used in the manufacture of commercial and clinical drug and biological products. You'll review and identify systems needing revision; spearhead the modification of procedures and/or processes as required; and provide technical review of corporate and departmental policies and procedures in accordance to guidelines and policy relating to equipment facility plans, protocols and reports. Requires BA/BS or MS in scientific field or related area, with 8-10 years of experience in pharmaceutical industry. 5+ years of experience in quality assurance and/or facility and equipment validation in a GMP manufacturing environment. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002509-JS.

PAYROLL MANAGER

Manage and direct the payroll function staff of two payroll processing specialists, a HRIS/payroll systems specialist (proposed position), and payroll accountant. Assure timely and accurate payroll processing including verification of data accuracy and communications. This includes verification of system interfaces, balancing of payroll wage and tax data, and assuring compliance with corporate policy and procedures. Requires Bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting or equivalent experience, and 7-10 years of job related experience. Requires an advanced level of knowledge in accounting, report writing, budgeting, payroll, tax, problem solving, wage and hour law, project management, change management, and policy/process documentation. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002502-DB.

PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, DEVELOPMENT

Participate in the development, assay validation, and assay transfer with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. Responsible for assay troubleshooting for QC Operations and QC Raw Materials; the scientific review of the stability program of commercial products; and participating in the characterization of degradation products with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. You'll also support Chiron manufacturing activities through equipment cleaning validation and particulate analysis. Requires PhD in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, with 5+ years of relevant technical and supervisory experience. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44001784-JS.

QA ASSOCIATE II/III/SPECIALIST I

Follow SOPs, and perform a combination of routine and non-routine tasks, which include the evaluation and investigation of quality-related Betaseron/PFDS kit complaints for US and non-US commercial products. Receive, evaluate, investigate and report to any quality-related product complaints, medical complaints and inquiries in a timely manner; and assist in the investigation and evaluation of Betaseron product complaints. Requires Bachelor's degree in a scientific discipline or equivalent. Minimum 6 years of successful related experience. Working knowledge of cGMPs and FDA regulations, CFRs, along with a thorough knowledge on concept of Biotech manufacturing, testing, validation and inspection techniques. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002726-JS.

SCIENTIST I, RESEARCH

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SENIOR SCIENTIST, DRUG METABOLISM

Work and collaborate with scientists in a multidisciplinary setting to design and conduct drug metabolism studies to enhance small molecules drug discovery and development. Construct predictive models, and present drug metabolism results and data interpretation to multidisciplinary groups and project teams. Requires PhD in a relevant field with 5+ years experience in conducting drug metabolism and disposition studies. Must possess an excellent understanding of ADME/PK science as related to drug discovery and development. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002580-RK.

SENIOR SCIENTIST, RESEARCH

Scientist with experience in preclinical development of monoclonal antibody therapeutics to lead projects in oncology from the antibody discovery phase up to IND-enabling studies. Requires PhD or MD/PhD in Immunology, Oncology, or related areas, and minimum of 8 years experience in biotech or pharmaceuticals. Must have solid understanding of target assessment, lead identification, in vitro characterization, in vivo evaluation, antibody engineering, expression and cell line development, preclinical CMC and clinical development issues; and have capability to effectively lead projects in a matrix organization, to advance high-quality drug candidates to Development, and to serve as a resource in Immunology, antibody technology, oncology or biologics. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002628-RK.

SPECIALIST II, DEVELOPMENT

Responsible for analytical method development and assay validation for small molecule pharmaceuticals during development and manufacturing. In addition, perform diverse tasks to support Formulation and Process Development activities; contribute to the experimental design and interpretation of data to ensure completeness and accuracy for transfer of technology to QC, contract laboratories or manufacturing; develop new methods used in testing; improve existing methods; and optimize test procedures to improve efficiency whenever possible. Requires BS or MS degree in Chemistry or Biochemistry with a minimum of 5-10 years experience in analytical chemistry. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002654-JS.

SPECIALIST I, DEVELOPMENT

Conduct the development and validation of analytical methods to support Chiron's biopharmaceutical products development, utilizing multiple HPLC Techniques. Employ analytical techniques including peptide map, CE, SDS-PAGE, and UV-Vis spectroscopy to evaluate physicochemical property of products, and fully support commercial product and clinical product release testing by providing high quality of analytical methods, assay transfer, and troubleshooting. Requires degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry, 5+ years of relevant experience, a broad background in chromatography, and technical proficiency with HPLC method. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002191-JS.

SPECIALIST I, QA/QC

Responsibilities include development, assay validation, and assay transfer with Analytical Development, Analytical Operation, and other Chiron Divisions. Responsible for assay troubleshooting for QC Operations and QC Raw Materials, and participation in multidisciplinary product development teams. Requires BS in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or related discipline with emphasis in Analytical Chemistry with 5+ years of relevant technical. The candidate must have strong technical proficiency with HPLC method development. Please apply at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002532-JS.

SPECIALIST I, QA/QC

Assist in the development, revision, application, maintenance, validation, and review of quality standards, documents, and methods for processing and/or ensuring quality in raw materials, intermediates, or finished products. Create, implement, and support production tracking and trending systems, and programs which assist in the testing, evaluation, and monitoring of production quality. Requires Bachelor's degree or Master's degree in scientific discipline or equivalent, and a minimum of 6 years of related experience. Please apply online at www.chiron.com, referencing job 44002435-JS.

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
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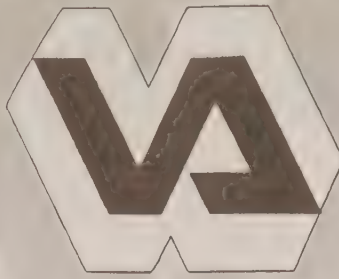
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Disneyland in Southern California. Walt Disney's original theme park, has been bringing families together in an atmosphere of fun and magic for nearly 50 years. Most of these happy times have been captured on film through the past five decades and now cherished images in family photo albums the world over. As Disneyland prepares to celebrate its milestone 50th anniversary next year it is hoping everyone will want to be a part of Disney history by participating in a unique program. In an unprecedented request, Disneyland is asking people around the world to send in their most beloved Disney memories (especially their favorite Disneyland memories) in the form of photographs, snapshots, digital images (old and recent, color or black and white) via www.disneyland.com/photos. The millions of anticipated submissions will be woven together to create "Happiest Faces on Earth," a Disney Family Album, a series of oversized photo collages of classic Disney characters and im-



agery from the last half century. These collages will serve as an important part of the "Happiest Homecoming on Earth" 50th anniversary celebration of Disneyland, officially launching on May 5, 2005. The collages will be on exhibit throughout the Disneyland Resort for 18 months during the entire duration of the celebration. Disneyland's photo request campaign officially kicked-off on July 17 (Disneyland's 49th anniversary) during an elaborate ceremony in front of Sleeping Beauty Castle. The Martinez family of Portland, Ore., was chosen to be the very first family to submit their photo to the program. "This is our very first visit to Disneyland and oh yes, we'll be back for sure next year for the anniversary," said Mrs. Martinez. "We invite everyone in the world to look through their scrapbooks and send us their most treasured and special Disney photos, especially those of their unforgettable visits to Disneyland," says Matt Ouimet, president of the Disneyland Resort. "This is an amazing program that will allow

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everybody to really be a part of this one-of-a-kind tapestry of memories during our upcoming 50th anniversary."

People who want to contribute their photos are encouraged to visit www.disneyland.com/photos. All photos must be received by Dec. 31, 2004 to be considered for use. A photo release form is available online and must be included with all photo submissions, along with appropriate contact information (name, address, e-mail and phone number).

Participants in the program are encouraged not to send original photos. Not all photo submissions

will be used for various reasons. "Everyone who sends in a photo will receive a confirmation e-mail or letter next spring confirming receipt of their photo and, if the photo is used, notification of the general placement of the photo in the collages," adds Ouimet. "We've had nearly 500 million guests visit Disneyland since 1955 so we look forward to having everyone who's ever been touched by the magic of Disneyland to send in their favorite photos."

In addition to www.disneyland.com/photos, photos can also be submitted through the post office, UPS or Federal Express. The mailing address for the post office is Happiest Faces on Earth, P.O. Box 30464, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84130-0464. To send a photo via UPS or Federal Express, send it to Happiest Faces on Earth, c/o Data Services Direct, 2481 S. 1560 West, Woods Cross, Utah, 84087. — Courtesy of ARA Content

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Goodies

FROM PAGE 1
1 cup corn chips
1 cup toasted pumpkin seeds (instructions below)
Preheat oven to 275 degrees.
Popcorn popped in 9 x 13" baking pan. Combine butter, oil, salt and Mexican seasonings. Add corn chips and pumpkin seeds; stir until evenly coated.
Bake for 10 minutes, stirring after 5 minutes. Spread on foil to cool. Place in tightly covered container. Makes 12 cups

TOASTED PUMPKIN SEEDS
Preheat oven to 300 degrees.
Remove seeds from one small pumpkin using large spoon. To separate seeds from pumpkin fiber, place mixture in large bowl and fill with cold water. Stir mixture, and seeds will float to surface. Remove seeds with slotted spoon and pat dry on paper towels.
Place seeds in bowl and coat

with 2 tablespoons vegetable oil. Spread on foil-lined baking sheet, coated with non-stick spray, and sprinkle with salt. Bake 30 to 40 minutes, or until lightly browned.

Carve out fun family time

To get going, you need a smooth pumpkin, a pencil, scissors, tape, Pumpkin Masters Carving Kit (with patterns and tools), a Scraper Scoop or a flat-edged spoon and a battery-operated light or candle.

First: The Lid. Using a pencil, draw a six-sided lid with a tooth at the back as a guide. Carve along the line, angling your saw toward the center so the pumpkin lid won't fall in.

Second: Cleaning. Scrape the inside wall down to 1 inch using the Scraper Scoop or a flat-edged spoon.

Third: The Pattern. Select a pattern to your skill level; trim a 1/2-inch border around the design and tape to the pumpkin.

Fourth: Transferring the Pattern. For long lines, roll the Super

Poker along design lines from end to end. Use the longer, middle tip to poke tight corners. When the pattern is transferred, remove it. Keep pattern handy to refer to.

Fifth: Carve the Design. Place the pumpkin in your lap for control, hold the saw pencil-like and at a right angle to the pumpkin. Saw with an up-and-down motion from dot-to-dot. Work from the center of the design outward. Only use your fingers to push out the pieces, not the saw blade.

Sixth: The Lighting. Light the

pumpkin with a light or candle. (For candles, cut a chimney hole in lid to vent smoke and heat. Parents should do the lighting.)

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When students prepare for upcoming research projects and reports, many turn to the Internet for information. With the number of Web sites increasing on a daily basis, trying to find information relevant to a particular assignment may seem like an overwhelming and impossible task. Plus, there are the challenges in assessing the legitimacy of a site and correctly citing the source. But there are ways to become a more efficient researcher and cut down on the amount of time it takes to research a topic online.

A logical way to start Internet research is with a search engine. Many students do not know that each search engine has a different way of finding information on the Internet, so the results from one search engine may not be the same as those from another. One way to obtain the best results quickly from the most popular search engines is to use a metasearch engine, such as Dogpile (www.dogpile.com). Dogpile searches all of the leading search engines, including Google, Yahoo! and Ask Jeeves at once. Using Dogpile, you can search up to 50 percent more of the Web than any single engine.

It is also important to carefully construct the search terms. The words entered in the search box will have the greatest impact on the quality of the results returned. For that reason, use the most direct words possible. For example, if you're looking for information about the First Amendment or Free Speech, enter "First Amendment" or "Free Speech First Amendment." This will return more relevant results than entering "free speech," which may bring back results on speeches found for free on the Internet.

One challenge with Internet research is assessing sites to determine the validity of information. One good way to determine legitimacy of an information source is by checking the site's domain (e.g., .com, .org, .gov, etc.). Sites in the .gov domain are generally meant

to provide information pertaining to government agencies and associated regulations, whereas .org sites are often connected to issues-based organizations and are meant to arouse support for a cause.

On the darker side of Internet research is the temptation to take shortcuts and plagiarize online content. Plagiarism is using a chunk of text and intentionally or unintentionally representing it as the original

work of the person completing the assignment.

A study conducted by the Center for Academic Integrity showed that many students don't take Internet plagiarism seriously. More than 40 percent of the 16,000 undergraduate students who responded to the survey admitted they had copied a few sentences

from the Internet without citing a source. Even a phrase directly copied from a Web site should be cited with its source. Check with an instructor to learn the most appropriate way to attribute any information online.

Using the Internet wisely to conduct research may not guarantee an "A" for school projects

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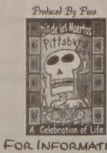
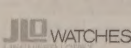
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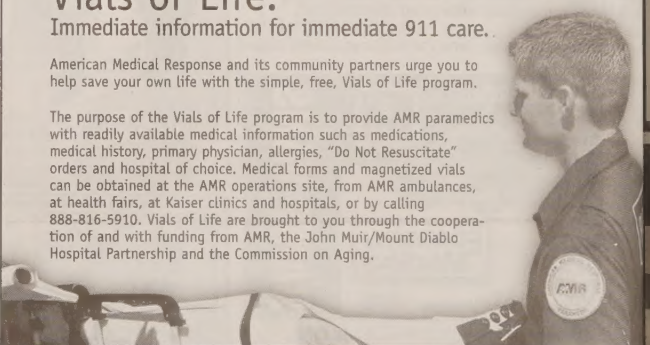
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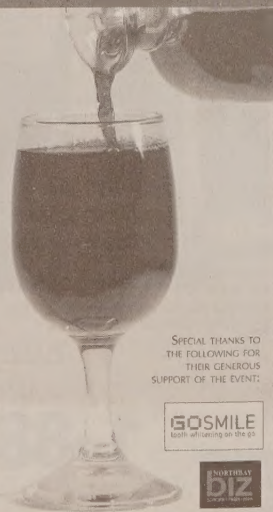
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What you need:

- 24-inch grapevine wreath
- Black glossy spray paint
- Chenille stems in orange, silver, and black
- Round pencil
- Scissors
- White pony beads
- 1 yard of 2-inch-wide silver wire-edge ribbon

Paint wreath. In a well-ventilated area, cover the work surface with newspapers. Lay the grapevine wreath on the newspapers and spray-paint one side of the wreath using black glossy paint. Let the paint dry. Turn the wreath over and spray-paint the back side. Let the paint dry.

Make coils. Shape several orange and silver chenille stems into coils or S-shapes as shown in the photograph. Arrange the coils and S-shapes on the wreath and secure by wrapping one end of each chenille stem around a vine on the wreath.

Make spirals. To make each long spiral, wrap an orange chenille stem around a pencil. Remove the spiral from the pencil and tuck it into the wreath where desired, securing under the vines. Make six or seven spirals and attach them to the wreath.

Add beads. Cut several 2-inch

pieces from black chenille stems. Thread a white pony bead on each chenille stem piece. Twist each beaded chenille stem piece around the vine wreath. Continue adding beads between the chenille shapes until the desired look is achieved.

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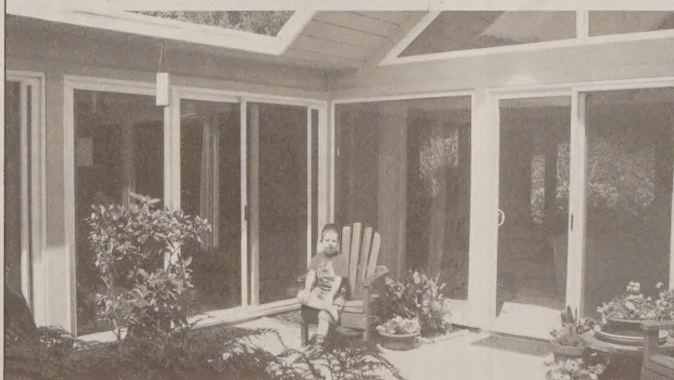
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Gel-based inks resist "washing"

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These "washed" checks are then dried and ironed, and rewritten for dollar amounts that are sure to clean out even the most abundant of bank accounts. While most oil-based and water-based inks have been shown to lift up and wash away when immersed in the acetone or acetone and water mixture (nail polish remover is commonly used), gel-based inks, the kind used in some pens, have been shown to resist the "washing" process and remain embedded in the check.

A spokesman for Pentel said that the company takes these concerns very seriously and is doing everything possible to address the problem. "We have done extensive tests in the past, even before check washing was a mainstream concern, and we will continue to test our products to make sure they exceed the standards of quality that consumers expect from Pentel. This includes making sure that our products are safe to use on checks and important documents that must withstand the test of time."

Experts report that the inks in gel pens, such as Pentel's EnerGel pen in black ink or the blue or black ink Hybrid Gel, Sunburst and R.S.V.P. Gel pens, offer the best available defense against check "washing."

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